

Alignment's 2nd thoughts on Rabin tactics

By ASHER WALLFISH
THE FIRST FLUSH of enthusiasm for the Alignment Knesset faction, at Premier Yitzhak Rabin's dramatic move in resigning and forcing an election, is gradually ebbing.

Faction members who have to try the burden of parliamentary work and now feel the pinch when Government is in a minority, say party leadership would have been wiser to have studied the operational problems beforehand and sought with the people responsible for implementing policy at the 14-day level in the Knesset.

Cabinet Ministers, who were used to having their way in the Knesset in their legislative thanks to the coalition steamroller, are amazed to have to keep a lower profile. Many of the laws they were planning to table will have to be shelved.

Financial legislation, especially the hard time One Alignment MK is said to have told Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz is, "Keep your bills to yourself and don't make fools of us."

At the same time the Alignment go ahead, even at the expense of losing, on matters of principle as arbitration in essential occupations. It will thus be able to aim publicly that it did its best against the impending policies of the opposition.

The Alignment faction expects particularly rough run in the Knesset committees.

In two committees, Foreign Affairs and Defence, Finance, it counts for exactly half the membership (including one seat in each which it gave as gratia to the Independent Liberals and can take away at any time if need be.) In Foreign Affairs and Defence this balance will offer no problems as votes are rarely taken. However, in the Finance Committee, the Alignment's loss of its majority will create trouble for the Treasury.

The Alignment has kept its majority on one committee only — State Control. On all the other committees, it is in a minority.

A move is afoot in the Alignment to demand the merger of the Labour and Welfare Ministries to form a new Ministry for Social Betterment. This move is eventually brought to the plenum for approval, the Alignment could count on the ILP's support and could make the Likud embarrassed if it voted against.

There is no serious talk in the Alignment yet about appointing party ministers in place of the ousted NRP men. The Alignment is waiting for the High Court to decide on the plea in this connection. One trend in the Alignment is of perhaps proposing Rabbi Menachem Haagen for deputy Minister for Religious Affairs. However, it is unlikely that a deputy Minister Interior would be named since Alignment does not want to get Dr. Yosef Burg any further.

One view which found expression in the Alignment faction was that his should have played out a different scenario for advancing the cause of elections. He should have led out the Independent Liberal Party, with their agreement, and the National Religious party led, after having given Messrs. Raphael and Hammer a red-tongued tongue-lashing. Then he would have worked in the Knesset as a majority of 63 and made the NRP behave itself, while giving the impression — as now that he is keeping the ILP in from.

Rabin's increased tempo of meetings with MKs and party figures used to secure his leadership in the party, is very noticeable in Knesset. However, some say he does not get as close to his men as any of his predecessors. The leadership and does not let them feel wanted. Some four men would — if they could — advise Rabin to show more lenience with his long-winded inter-

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No. 2,000,000 coming today

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter
GURION AIRPORT. — The millionth passenger to file through the turnstiles here this year is expected to arrive on board flight 100, from Montreal, this morning. The unknown but lucky passenger is expected to receive a royal reception by the airport dignitaries.

The previous highest number of passengers to pass through this airport in one year was 1,972, when total was 1.8 million. Last year's was 1.6 million.

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Polling date bills to be heard tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
FIVE PRIVATE bills providing for the dissolution of the Knesset and the calling of early elections will come up for their preliminary reading tomorrow (Wednesday).

The first such bill, tabled by the Likud's Menachem Begin, sets May 3 as election day. The next, tabled by the Alignment's Aviad Yaffe, sets May 31.

These two factions are ready to compromise on May 17, and with this in mind, the National Religious Party's Avraham Melamed tabled a third bill setting May 17 too. The Alignment, the Likud and the NRP have made a gentlemen's agreement to vote the others' bills to Committee, and then shape joint legislation in Committee. (This would then have three regular readings before becoming law.)

The two other election bills are from the Free Centre's Shmuel Tamir who sets the date in mid-April and Moked's Meir Pail who specifies April 12. Both men say the election should not be delayed, and the life of the caretaker government not be extended.

Meanwhile, in a parallel procedure two more factions sent their delegations to call on President Ephraim Katzir.

The National Religious Party's Secretary-General, Zvi Ezer, told the President that Rabin's decision to oust their ministers and subsequently resign "lacked... wisdom." Some members of the delegation called for the establishment of a Government of National Unity headed by Shimon Peres, Israel Galili (Labour), Dr. Elimelech Rimalt (Likud) or Dr. Yosef Burg (NRP). Danny Verma suggested that a

Knesset Member head a government of experts which will remain in office until the May elections. He said that Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement, Arye Eliaz of the Independent Socialists and Menachem Begin of the Likud "can't sit in the same government, but they can support a government of experts." But Katzir said a government of technocrats makes for a flaw in democracy.

Later, representatives of the Torah Religious Front went to Beit Hanassi. They said there was no alternative to holding earlier elections.

The Independent Liberals, the Free Centre and Rakah will call on the President today. They will recommend earlier elections, arguing that it is not possible to form a new Cabinet now.

In the Knesset the new parliamentary situation with the governing Coalition in a minority was reflected in the conclusion of the debate on Premier Yitzhak Rabin's resignation announcement of the week before.

The Alignment did not table a draft resolution to sue, up the debate since it knew it could not swing a majority for it. The other factions tabled draft resolutions but none of them were voted through since the Alignment blocked them all.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, who replied to the debate on behalf of the Government, said there was no basis to the criticism that the Alignment's caretaker government could take no political initiatives.

For instance, he said, the Government would certainly probe the possibilities of negotiating an end of state of war agreement with Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

The 5-passport mystery

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Interior Ministry officials yesterday seemed surprised and puzzled by reports that financier Samuel Flatto (Sharon) had been issued with five Israel passports since he became a new immigrant in 1972. The Interior Ministry is responsible for issuing passports in Israel, while Israel consulates perform the task abroad.

At a bail hearing on Sunday in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, police representative Sgt. Nitzan Yoram Gonen said that Flatto had been issued the passports, some of them in different names, with the knowledge of the Interior Ministry. He also described the financier's "strange tendency to mislay passports," and said that he had travelled abroad many times since 1972.

Flatto was held on IL10m. bail at the request of French authorities, who are seeking to extradite him on suspicion of fraud and tax evasion.

Contacted by The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Interior Ministry director-general Haim Kuberly said that he had no knowledge of the five Flatto passports. If the newspaper reports from the Jerusalem courtroom were correct, he added the fact that Flatto was in possession of several

passports was surprising, and would have to be investigated.

The ministry spokesman, Yitzhak Agassi, in response to questions last night added that the assistant-director-general in charge of immigration and population registration, Mrs. Yehudit Huebner, had already asked for Flatto's file to be sent to her from Tel Aviv for investigation. No information, however, could be elicited on the contents of this file, which probably could have been obtained in the same telephone call in which the file was requested from Tel Aviv.

The spokesman stated emphatically that any issue of passports in different names to the same person constitutes a serious offence and any official found responsible for it, if the facts should be as reported in the press, would be prosecuted.

Asked whether he could conceive of any circumstances in which normal procedure in the issue of a passport could have been circumvented, the spokesman considered this impossible and said the ministry would have to check the facts carefully before he could make any additional statement.

Mrs. Huebner herself was unavailable for comment last night.

Flatto stays in custody pending bail decision

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Lawyers for Samuel Flatto (Sharon) last night were trying to convince a magistrate that properties offered as security are worth the proposed IL10m. set for Flatto's bail on Sunday.

The lawyers, Yitzhak Tink and Yehoram Gornitsky, were meeting with Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge Eliahu Ben-Zimra at the Judge's home in Rehov Sa'adia Gaon in the Rehavia quarter. It was not clear which of Flatto's properties he has interests in the new Tel Aviv central bus station and Dizengoff Centre, a home in Savoyon and other assets.

Flatto was seeking to pledge as bail.

He is in partnership with the Pilz interests in the Dizengoff Centre and bus station properties, both under construction. According to some reports yesterday, Flatto was not seeking to use the Dizengoff Centre as part of his bail package.

Meanwhile, the financier, wanted by the French Government on suspicion of fraud and tax evasion, remained in custody. Rather than keep Flatto in the Jerusalem lockup, he was being held at National Police Headquarters in Jerusalem.

If the financier cannot come up with the bail, he will remain in custody for 15 days. In any case he must also deposit all of his passports with the police and undertake not to leave the country. A restraining order is to be put against his properties in Israel.

The French Government has not

yet instituted formal extradition proceedings though it has requested Flatto be held pending a formal request. If the extradition request is not received within 30 days, all requests against him will be lifted.

The French have said that Flatto is suspected of fraud, theft, receiving stolen property and attempting to bribe a French official. The sum involved is alleged to be 400m. French francs (IL1b.).

By SHALOM COHEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE COMING GENERAL elections will cost the state some IL68m. in subvention to the parties. The sum, which the Treasury will pay the parties to help finance their election campaigns, of course does not represent the over-all cost of the elections, such as incurred by state electoral machinery, and indirect costs of the political contest.

The last general elections on December 31, 1973 were the first in which the parties enjoyed state subsidies under the 1973 Financing of Parties Law. (The preceding 1969 elections were also state-subsidized, by ad hoc law.)

But the May elections will be the first early, non-scheduled elections so state-subsidized. The early dissolution of the Knesset will mean lengthening the statutory duration of the election campaign for the purposes of state financing. The law sets a ceiling for party electioneering spending over a period of 101 days. But for early elections, the official campaign period starts from

Gur: Army strong enough to allow risks

TEL AVIV. — The IDF has reached the stage where its military might gives Israel the leeway to take diplomatic and strategic chances, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur said here yesterday.

Gur said that, since the Yom Kippur War, the army has grown so much that it offers the country the option to choose, if it must, between war and peace. This choice, Gur said, gives Israel more independence than ever before.

Gur said that the quantity and variety of arms absorbed by the IDF during the past few years have turned Israel into an academy in which other countries can learn the proper use of these new armaments. Gur's military proficiency, Gur said, has caused arms suppliers to be interested in sales to Israel where their arms will be used to the best effect.

Gur was speaking at the "Ma'ariv" organized "Best Worker" competition. The three awards for IDF employees went to Yitzhak Netowitz, 51, Martin Tsikel, 47, and Zvi Kleinman, 50.

Gur told the recipients that it is the devotion of men like them to the IDF which enables the army to make its own equipment and absorb foreign equipment fast and well. (Titim)

X-ray men off today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
X-RAY FACILITIES will be closed today as the technicians, who have been working under back-to-work orders, take the day off to demonstrate in front of the Knesset.

The newly-elected secretary of the technicians union, Yacov Horowitz, said that some 70 per cent of his members had been forced to work for the last eight weeks. The others were left idle and, as the first of the month drew near, it was uncertain whether they would receive their salaries this month.

The only technicians that will remain on duty will be the emergency duty staffs that usually work on Shabbat and holidays, he said. There would be treatment for urgent cases such as cancer patients, he promised.

The Health Ministry spokesman said that if the technicians fail to show up today, they will be breaking the back-to-work order and will be treated as any other lawbreakers. She said that in any case, the technicians' case is due to be examined by a special committee set up by the ministerial committee on wages.

The technicians union secretary would not say if the total strike would extend beyond today.

W. German town to reconsider SS memorial

BONN. — The City Council of Altenkirchen, near Bonn, has yielded to protests and will reconsider a decision to erect a memorial to an SS tank division.

Members of the ruling Social Democratic Party claimed this week that they were not aware that the "Hohenstaufen" was an SS unit until they read about it in a magazine for members of former Waffen SS units. Critics say the division was recruited largely from the German army and its SS affiliation was widely known. The SPD members have now tabled a resolution calling for the decision on the memorial to be revoked.

The decision to honour the tank division was taken unanimously at a closed door session in November, with support from all political parties. The move drew protests by the Association of Former Women Concentration Camp Inmates, the local branch of the Society for Jewish-Christian Cooperation and by the heads of the Jewish Documentation Centre, Simon Wiesenthal.

Critics of the decision point out that Altenkirchen hasn't yet erected a memorial on the site of the local synagogue, destroyed on "Kristallnacht," 1938, but was to provide public land for the tank division memorial. (JTA)

'Confronters' intensify momentum for Geneva

Damascus backs Jordan

By ANAN SAFADI
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EGYPTIAN FOREIGN Minister Ismail Fahmy yesterday conferred with U.S. Ambassador Herman Eilts for the third time in less than a week. The Arab confrontation states appeared to be accelerating their Middle East diplomatic offensive to convene the Geneva conference in the first quarter of the coming year.

Yesterday's conference in Cairo was believed to have been triggered by U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter's suggestion in "Time" magazine that he would prefer to meet Premier Rabin, Egypt's Sadat and Syria's Assad, as well as other Middle East leaders, presumably those of Jordan and Saudi Arabia, before he decides on his incoming administration's course of diplomatic action. The Egyptians, who had originally expected initial consultations to be held in Washington with second-ranking Arab leaders, were understood to be now seeking early meetings between Carter and the Arab heads of state.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister reiterated yesterday that his country's main goal was to reconvene the Geneva Middle East conference before the end of March, to discuss an over-all settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict. Signs were that the Arabs were pressing for this deadline in order to get something accomplished before May 30, when the Golan Heights UN peace force mandate expires. Despite this, Syria was seen likely to renew that mandate as a "gesture of goodwill" towards Carter, should the postponement of the Geneva conference be necessitated by the national elections in Israel.

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Goldmann: WJC keeps in touch with Sadat

THE WORLD JEWISH Congress is in constant communication with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and is planning a meeting of American Jewish leaders with Sadat with the full knowledge of Prime Minister Rabin, Nahum Goldmann, the president of the WJC said yesterday.

On arriving for a two-week visit to Israel during which he will confer with Premier Rabin, Goldmann said at Ben-Gurion Airport that the steady communications with Sadat are maintained through the Egyptian ambassador in Washington.

Goldmann said that after meeting with Rumanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu and Yugoslav's Marshal Tito during his recent tour of Eastern Europe, he had designated Cyrus Vance and the new national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski on the content of his talks. He also said that he got the impression that the two leaders think the Arabs are prepared for a total settlement with Israel.

Asked by a reporter on the recent WJC conference in Madrid, Goldmann said that the event was unjustly criticised by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and that "the whole matter was inflated by 'The Washington Post' which saw a historic occasion in the congress." (Titim)

Dan Patir, adviser to the Prime Minister, commented last night that Rabin had had no contacts whatsoever with Goldmann for the past month about proposals that Jewish leaders in the U.S. meet Sadat, and that nothing new had developed as far as Rabin was aware since he commented publicly on this matter.

If contacts had since taken place, as Goldmann claimed, between AIC leader Philip Klutznick and Egyptian Ambassador to Washington Ashraf Ghorbal, Rabin was not informed beforehand, was not briefed subsequently, and did not give such contacts his blessing, Patir said.

fensive, while stressing that the two countries as well as Jordan were now solidified in one "belt" around Israel. The paper indicated that the three countries agreed that a new military confrontation with Israel would be inevitable, should diplomatic efforts fail to attain two basic goals — Israel's total withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers, and the achievement of the "national rights of the Palestinians."

Syria's emphasis on the Jordanian role was viewed by observers last night as a Damascus attempt to show Amman had a key role to play in Arab manoeuvres over the West Bank.

In this context, Jordan's King Hussein yesterday reaffirmed his links with the West Bank "two thers," declaring that he would not spare any effort to "liberate" the population there, along with Jerusalem.

The Jordanian monarch made the remark on receiving the former mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, who went to Amman yesterday morning on his first visit to Jordan since the 1967 war. The elderly Hebron leader, who was given a red-carpet reception on crossing the Allenby Bridge, recently has been campaigning against acknowledging the PLO as the exclusive representative of the Palestinians.

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POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and Agencies
THE PALESTINE Liberation Organization yesterday reiterated that it would resist the demand of the Arab peace-keeping force that it surrender all the heavy weapons it has in Lebanon by Thursday. This was reported by Beirut's independent "Al-Anwar." The daily also said that the PLO's opponents, the Christian militia, responded by saying they would delay turning over the heavy arms until the Palestinians have handed their in.

"The heavy weapons issue is still ticking away like a time bomb that could explode at any moment, rekindling the flames of war," shattering the current six-week-old truce, the paper said.

"Al-Anwar" quoted PLO chief Yasser Arafat as claiming that surrendering their arms "would weaken the Arab front against Israel."

Meanwhile, the Christian Phalangist radio in Beirut has accused the PLO of moving heavy weapons

into southern Lebanon in large convoys. The radio said that the convoys were converging chiefly on the port of Tyre and Nabatiya, which overlooks the border with Israel.

A PLO official, Mahmoud Abbas, told newsmen yesterday that the arms "will remain with us in the south. We have no intention of giving them up because we need them to defend our cause and the dear land of Lebanon."

Abbas asserted that the PLO's presence in southern Lebanon is regulated by the 1969 Cairo accords, a main ingredient in the Lebanese truce formula worked out recently by Arab summits.

The Syrians, who had undertaken to disarm the PLO along with the Christian militia, withheld comment yesterday. Syrian forces now dominate the whole of Lebanon except for the southern region bordering Israel. Israel has warned that it would not tolerate the presence there of any Arab force other than Lebanese.

PLO refuse to yield their big guns

CAPE TOWN. — A gang of young girls battling for a "Black Christmas" spearheaded a key attack in rioting which cost 19 lives in African townships near Cape Town over the weekend.

Two hundred homes were raided and 90 burned to the ground in the fighting over whether Christmas should be celebrated as usual, or declared a time of mourning for South Africa's black dead at the hands of white authority.

Hundreds of refugees streamed out of the smouldering townships of Nyanga and Guguletu yesterday. Whole families, including women with babies on their backs, trudged along dusty streets, homeless and destitute. Many others left because of fear of new violence.

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Police said they had learned that "a group of militant young women" were in the forefront of an attack on a workers' hostel which led to the fighting.

The girls were not identified and it was not known immediately if any were among the 19 killed in the backlash by the hostel workers, mostly Baka tribesmen from Transkei.

Almost 100 blacks were wounded — cut, maimed or shot — as they retaliated against the "Black Christmas" militants with weapons including spears, axes and pangas, police said.

The immediate cause of the violence was a demand by students that Christmas should be observed by blacks as a period of mourning for riot victims of police bullets. The students decreed there should be no festivities, no Christmas cards, no gifts.

Shebans, (illicit drinking dens) were told to close. Some black priests said they had been asked not to hold Christmas Mass. Shopkeepers carrying gift-wrapped parcels were attacked.

The Christmas fighting was the worst between blacks since Zulu workers in Soweto township near Johannesburg took up arms against militants in August. The death toll then was more than 30, and about 100 were wounded. (Reuters)

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THE JERUSALEM POST invites you to a special evening at the Moriah Hotel Jerusalem, tonight Tuesday, December 28, at 9 p.m.

- Preview of documentary film "Israel Report" on the history of The Jerusalem Post the "Good Fence" and Air Force Day.
 - Question and answer session with the editors of THE POST.
 - "Front Page" — a display of historic front pages of THE POST from '48 to '76.
 - "Dry Bones" — an exhibition of favourite cartoons.
 - Autograph party — meet Kirschen who will autograph the "Dry Bones" book at the Steimatzky's Bookshop from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
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Haifa Port	57	12-18	17
Tiberias	57	11-22	17
Nazareth	58	10-16	10
Afula	41	9-15	14
Shomron	46	11-18	17
Be'er-Sheva	36	12-22	18
Jericho	32	9-15	14
Gaza	52	10-20	17
Be'er-Sheva	32	15-20	18
Eilat	28	10-22	20
Tiran Straits	27	16-22	20

Social and Personal

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin visited Kfar Sava yesterday as a guest of the municipality.

The West German Cultural Attaché and Mrs. Rudiger Reys last night gave a reception, attended by Ambassador and Mrs. Per Fischer, for the German Olympic soccer team, the Israeli national team and Israeli Football Association officials, at the German Embassy's cultural centre in Tel Aviv.

Austrian Ambassador Dr. Ingo Mussel called yesterday on Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

The British Board of Deputies solidarity delegation to Israel were the guests yesterday of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Led by Lord and Lady Fisher, and including Michael Fisher, J.P., Lord Janner and Greville Janner, M.P., the delegation was received by University President Yosef Tekoa.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra celebrated its 40th anniversary on Sunday with a gala concert with cellist Metlaly Rostropovich as soloist. Former Prime Minister Golda Meir was also present.

After the benefit concert given at the Jerusalem Theatre by Itzhak Perlman, the world famous violinist, on December 28, the Mayor of Jerusalem and Mrs. Teddy Kollek held a reception at their home in honor of Mr. Perlman and his wife Toby. Proceeds of the concert go to aid the rehabilitation of Israel's most severely handicapped children, in the care of Aiyra Hospital and the Jerusalem Branch of Ilan.

Author Haim Guri will speak in Hebrew on the topic: "Israel as I See It," at the Tuesday Noon Forum series of The David Yellin Teachers College, Bet Hakerem, Jerusalem, at noon today, at the College.

Professor Benjamin Alkin will speak on "The Government Crisis" and Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum on "Romania's Jews" at a vocal newspaper to be held in Jerusalem's Bet Ha'am on Friday at 8 p.m.

BIRTH
ERHARD — To Rachel and Gideon Erhard, a son, brother to Ran and Dana. (Communicated)

Likud choices for ministers to form 'team'

The Likud Executive yesterday decided to form a council and a "leadership team."

The council, which will comprise some 250 members, will decide on the proposed platform for the Knesset elections and go through the motions of choosing the Likud's candidate for the premiership. In fact, no one is currently challenging Menachem Begin's leadership.

The "leadership team" will include 10 to 25 persons that the Likud suggests should be ministers if it forms or joins the next government. But the members will not comprise a shadow cabinet, and no portfolios will be distributed.

The Executive, which met in the Knesset yesterday, also decided to form five teams to prepare the bloc's platform.

Stiffer fines for sea pollution

The Minister of Transport has proposed legislation in the Knesset which would raise the maximum fine for discharging oil at sea from IL150,000 to IL375,000.

A Transport Ministry spokesman noted yesterday that the legislation had passed its first reading on November 1.

The spokesman added that the Ministry intended to initiate funds to improve the quality of the environment on land, sea and air.

Allon: Not begging USSR to renew ties

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon last night said that Israel could not agree to a stronger involvement by the Soviet Union in the Middle East peace-making conference.

The Russians, he said, blast Israel with hostile propaganda every day and "try to dictate results before negotiations; they are arming the Arabs and have no diplomatic relations with us. The Soviet Union is in the pocket of the Arab countries."

Allon was addressing the international conference of Australian, American and Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East at the Van Leer Foundation building in Jerusalem.

Although he was "not begging" the Soviet Union to renew relations with Israel, Allon said such a decision would be of more benefit to Russia than Israel. The U.S., he explained, has more influence than the Soviet Union in the Middle East.

because it is friendly with all the parties to the dispute.

Allon stressed that no real negotiations can take place under the co-chairmanship of the two superpowers at a future Geneva convention. The talks must be direct and take place in this area.

Allon said he hoped the Carter administration would explain to the Arabs that "there is no question of imposing a settlement or any alternative to negotiations. Anything we are ready to compromise on can be reached without outside pressure," he said, but "anything we can't afford to compromise on pressure won't help."

Israel's declaration of willingness to meet again at Geneva with the same parties and without the PLO is not a "tactic, we mean it," he said. The Soviet Union and the U.S. understood and agreed at the first Geneva conference that no extra parties would be included in the next round of talks without the agreement of all the parties, including Israel, he said.

Bar-Lev tells Knesset:

'Development towns place for pioneering today'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moving to a development town is the ultimate of Jewish pioneering in this generation, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev told the Knesset yesterday.

He then cited statistics to prove that very few people are taking up the pioneering challenge. Bar-Lev, who heads the Ministerial Committee on Development Areas, said that 2,100 new flats are standing empty in development areas, 1,300 in the Galilee and 800 in the Negev. Another 13,000 apartments — 9,000 in the north — are in various stages of construction.

Replying to an agenda motion on the Government's population dispersal policy (by Alignment M.C. Yoram Sarid and Jacques Amir), Bar-Lev cited statistics showing that the population of the country's 25 development towns increased by about 7 per cent between 1972 and 1976 — about the same as the rest of the country. Only 2,382 new immigrants settled in the towns in 1975, he said.

Though industrial development in the new areas is rapid, a shortage of workers is impeding further progress. According to Bar-Lev, 55,000 persons are at work in development towns.

ment towns, but 11,500 more are needed right now, and an additional 3,000 jobs will be available in two years.

What is needed badly from the Government's side, he insisted, was more roads, telephones, health and education facilities and services and community centers. "In short, these development towns require all the basic elements needed to improve the quality of life."

Amir called for appointment of a "Minister of Development Towns" in the Government, and appealed to all parties to include a development town plank in their platforms. Declaring that "the image of the nation in the eighties will be determined by the way we treat our development towns and their problems," Amir pointed out that "the state still has no secondary school."

"Several months ago the Government, as part of its stated aim of increasing the Jewish population of the Galilee, appointed a 'Galilee development coordinator,'" he said. "Well, that man soon resigned. He said he could get nowhere through the endless maze of Government bureaucracy. All the good intentions of the Government will go for naught until it begins to apply itself seriously to the matter of development towns."

Pride prompts Beduin MK to sever Alignment ties

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

SHEIKH HAMAD Abu Rabi, the sole member of the "Beduin and Villagers" Knesset faction, yesterday terminated his official affiliation with the Alignment. But he told a press conference in the Knesset he will continue to vote with the Alignment.

Abu Rabi was apparently prompted by hurt pride. A source associated with him said the Sheikh was not included in the Alignment team which met President Ephraim Katzir on Sunday to discuss whether and how to form a new Government. He also was not invited to a special audience with the President because he was considered part of the Alignment faction.

But the Arab "Progress and Development" faction will meet the President on Thursday. This faction terminated its official affiliation with the Alignment several months ago. Abu Rabi's move will now accord him similar status to the "Progress and Development" faction. The Sheikh said that tribal leaders, who conferred with him last week, decided he should terminate



Sheikh Abu Rabi

the official affiliation in order to have greater freedom. There has been a long standing land dispute between the Beduin and the authorities, but he indicated this was not the issue. He said that the Alignment had helped him recently in another matter. Asked why he resigned now, he said: "There's a time for everything."

Aloni's life threatened

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

A group, which described itself as "orthodox zealots... associated with Neturei Karta" in Bnei Brak, have threatened to kill MK Shulamit Aloni unless she ceases "opposing religion."

Aloni, who heads the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) has a militantly secular Knesset record. In a letter she received in her home in Kfar Shmaryahu yesterday,

the zealots said her life was in danger and she would be turned into a pack of bones unless she repented or resigned her Knesset seat. "Before we carry out our threat, you'll read your death announcements, including details of your funeral," the letter said.

Aloni complained to the police. A police spokesman yesterday refused to say whether they made arrangements to protect her.

WORK ACCIDENTS cost the economy 4 1/2 million work days last year, Labour Minister Moshe Baran told a seminar on problems of work safety in Netanya last week.



Digging a bed for a tree in the forest that will bear his name, Australian Labour Party Leader Robert Hawke yesterday took part in the dedication of the Robert Hawke Forest near Haifa. Hawke, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and a delegation of JNF contributors from Victoria State in Australia took part in the ceremony. Hawke's father, a Protestant minister, read verses from Isaiah. (Dan Landau)

Bar-Lev: Most Timna miners have new jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The closing of the Timna mines did not cause as much economic upheaval as feared, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday in the Knesset.

He said that 400 of the 583 copper miners who lost their jobs have already been placed in plants in the Eilat region. Another 51 have gone into business for themselves, 21 are undergoing vocational training, 38 have been found unsuitable for any type of work and 73 have left Eilat.

Bar-Lev said the closing of the mines last March was necessary because of the huge losses being borne by the Government in operating them. If the mines were still operating today, he said, it would cost \$2,000 per ton to mine the ore, which would sell for \$1,280.

Bar-Lev said operating losses for Timna during 1975 reached IL51m. If the mines were kept open, this year's losses would have reached IL70m, he said.

Herzog calls for electoral change

BEN GURION AIRPORT — Israel's present electoral system is very dangerous and must be changed, UN Ambassador Haim Herzog told reporters here yesterday on his arrival from the U.S.

Herzog is due to report to Foreign Ministry senior officials on the deliberations of the General Assembly session just ended, and to hold consultations on the forthcoming visit to the Middle East by UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. Herzog said that if he was asked to participate in the election campaign he would do so, but if the internal political situation made demands on his performance at the UN, he would have to decide what steps to take.

He refused to indicate which party he was likely to join in the event of his being active in the election campaign. He would only say that Shimon was not the only movement demanding a change in the system of elections.

The reaction to Israel's government crisis in the U.S. was positive, Herzog said, because it proved to the Americans that Israel is a democracy — which has a very positive impact on American public opinion. (Itim)

Three-year hiring freeze is proposed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A three-year ban on new hiring by the Civil Service Commission, local authorities and state corporations is proposed by Likud MK Yehoshua Floumin in a private member's bill filed yesterday.

Floumin said, "The deterioration in our economic situation and the need to cut back in public spending dictates the need for a freeze on manpower complements in public agencies."

Alignment's second thoughts

(Continued from page one)

locutors to feel more relaxed and to radiate more warmth. Some Labour men, stressing that politicians have to dissemble and please, say that Rabin may lose friends if he does not generate a different image.

There is comment in the Alignment faction on the image presented by Abba Eban as he announces his plans to compete with Rabin and Peres, and there is advice to Eban to look more realistically at the extent of his support in the party.

One Labour MK said: "He's a dog in the manger. He has no chance of getting more than five per cent of the poll in the Central Committee and quite a few doves are turning their backs on him. He has only one aim — to harm Rabin's chances. But he can't guarantee that his few backers would switch to Peres in a second round in the Central Committee, so what's the point of his manoeuvres?"

Joshua Brilliant adds:

We wish to thank all relatives and friends who comforted us on the loss of my beloved husband, father

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The Family

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IDF suffered high incidence of hepatitis

Jerusalem Post Staff

A high incidence of hepatitis, cured recently among soldiers, Jerusalem Post has learned. Jaundice, as the disease is known, is common under conditions, where sanitary conditions are inadequate, and in large training camps.

In the past, jaundice immobilized entire segments of training camps. Over the past few years a serious effort has been made to improve the conditions in hope of eradicating the disease.

Commenting on rumours of a villan jaundice epidemic, Dr. Theodor Schwartz, the Health Ministry's chief epidemiologist, said yesterday the disease is always present in relatively large number of cases in this country.

He said the number of cases reported usually varies from 3,500 to 4,000 a year. It is usual for a number of cases to go up in the winter.

He also pointed out that it is not unusual for more cases to be found in some localities than others, due to the spread of the disease in schools and other places. However, he did not specify which areas are affected in the country at present or how many jaundice cases there are.

American girl drowns in Sinai diving mishap

EILAT — An American tourist drowned while skin-diving near Di-Zahav, 180 kilometres south of here, on Sunday. She was Susan Adams, aged 20.

The victim was spending Christmas in Israel together with three friends. After visiting Bethlehem and Jerusalem during the Christmas weekend, they decided to go skin-diving at Di-Zahav. All were amateur skin-divers, and one of them is an international skin-diving instructor. They were eager to dive in the famous Grand Canyon area, about ten kilometres north of Di-Zahav.

They split up into two couples, and descended at 11:30 in the morning. While diving, Yuta Schwartz indicated to her partner, diving instructor Paul Van Hout, that she was experiencing discomfort. Van Hout signalled to the other couple, Robert Heller and Susan Adams, that they were ascending.

This took place at a depth of 52 metres. Experienced skin-divers in Eilat commented that diving at that depth in the Canyon area is extremely dangerous. Diving deeper than 30 metres is defined as diving for research or work purposes only.

When Paul and Yuta reached the surface at about noon, they saw Robert floating alone in the water. He told them he feared that Susan was drowned. When he had signalled to her to begin ascending, he said, he saw that she had begun to descend instead, apparently because she was suffering from disorientation caused by oxygen deficiency or the presence of CO₂ in her breathing apparatus.

Robert immediately went to her aid, feeding her oxygen from his air cylinder. He developed a blockage and he ascended in a panic. When they reached the shore, Robert went to Di-Zahav for help. He returned accompanied by a doctor and the organizer of the moahav's skin-diving club. They saw Susan's body floating in the water. When she was brought to shore, the doctor pronounced her dead.

The doctor who contacted the director of the Institute of Maritime Medicine in Haifa, decided to place Robert in a mobile pressure chamber because of the likely effects of the speed of his ascent from the considerable depth of 52 metres. He was then taken to Eilat, where symptoms of brain malfunction were diagnosed, and he was placed in the pressure chamber of the Josefthal Hospital, which is one of the most sophisticated pressure chambers in the Middle East.

Paul and Yuta were taken to Eilat by a military helicopter from Ofra. On arrival there, too, were found to be suffering from rapid ascent symptoms, and were placed in the pressure chamber. Their condition was at first thought to be critical, but a doctor who has been dealing with their case told the firm reporter that there had been an improvement and they were due to be taken out of the pressure chamber last night.

Official win by Bat Yam mayor

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM — The Herut party central elections committee yesterday officially announced that Mayor Yitzhak Walker's faction won 76.5 per cent of the votes in the primaries held earlier this month.

However, Walker's opponents, Councilmen Yehuda Shekel and Maurice Abutbul, still threaten to topple the mayor from office by bolting his coalition.

The ruling came in the wake of appeals by Shekel and Abutbul, who complained that the mayor hired thugs from Jaffa to terrorize their supporters, on election night.

The committee, which spent three sessions reviewing the various versions of what happened on the evening of the primaries, ruled that no evidence had been produced to show that anyone had hired any thugs to influence the voting.

While the mayor's supporters expressed satisfaction at the committee ruling, they did admit that the danger of Walker losing his majority of one in the 12-member city council still exists. Shekel and Abutbul have refused any compromises offered them, and have said that they will only cooperate if given a majority on Bat Yam's Herut Party nomination committee.

BASKETBALL

Results of National League first division basketball matches played last night:

Tel Aviv Hapoel 50, Tel Aviv Mac. 32
Afula Hapoel 78, Givat-Yagur Hap. 54
Tel Aviv Hap. 122, South Tel Aviv Mac. 38
Jerusalem Hap. 78, Ramat Gan Mac. 58
Haifa Mac. 106, Givat Brenner-Neta'an Hapoel 58.

MKs oppose ads on television

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The proposed to introduce advertising on Israel Television drew opposition from Knesset Members yesterday.

Speaking at the Finance Committee's meeting, Aharon Efrat (Mapam) said commercial TV would only encourage greater private consumption. "What is more, the commercials would lead to a drop in newspaper advertising."

Also opposing commercial TV was Nuzhat Katsav (Labour). She said not only would private consumption increase, but television viewers who needed the advertisements would probably be spending their money unwisely.

In the Education Committee, opposition was also voiced — first by chairman Avraham Katz (Likud) and then by Members Ora Namir, Chalka Grossman and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon (all Alignment).

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A special bus will be available for mourners at Rambam Hospital.
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27% rise in prices seen for 1977

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Consumer prices will increase next year by 27 per cent — four per cent more than estimated by the Finance Ministry, according to economists Ya'acov Lavi and Uri Litvin of the Bank of Israel.

The two economists have prepared a draft for next year's economic policy which is almost identical to that proposed by the Treasury.

The economists, who seem to have the support of higher echelons at the bank, have reversed the bank's traditional position on subsidies to basic commodities. They now favour increasing these prices only moderately, by about 25 per cent, thereby maintaining a \$12,000m. budget for this item which is slightly higher than that proposed by the Treasury. They argue that this is necessary to reduce inflation. They are also against increasing the rates of direct as well as indirect taxes such as VAT.

Their plan is based on the assumption that wages will increase by five per cent above the Cost-of-Living Allowance paid out in April and October. This is slightly higher than estimated by the Treasury.

The two propose a higher devaluation throughout the year than the Treasury, but are for a different timing of the periodic devaluation. They recommend no devaluations in January and February, because as long as domestic demands are high, these devaluations would mainly have an inflationary impact.

As against this, the economists are asking for a six per cent devaluation in June next year, which would bring the total devaluation in 1977 to 24 per cent compared with 20 per cent proposed by the Treasury. This may explain the higher price rise they forecast next year.

Unemployment will continue to increase next year and will reach five per cent compared to four per cent presently, the economists claim.

They expect that this rather high rate of unemployment will have a moderating effect on wages in the second half of 1977.

Based on these developments, Lavi and Litvin see only a \$100m. improvement in the balance of payments deficit which will remain at about \$3,000m. Private consumption will increase by 2.2 per cent, similar to that of the Gross National Product. Public consumption and defence expenditures, in particular will remain unchanged.

It was learned yesterday that because of the strong backing the Treasury has from the Bank of Israel, Finance Minister Rabinowitz has decided to table the \$122.5 billion budget to the Knesset next month. He will do so although the coalition at present does not have a majority in the Knesset. Rabinowitz expects that the backing of the bank, which is also evident in the economists' memorandum, will help convince the opposition to accept the budget.

Bnei Brak man sues police for 'brutality'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Charges of police brutality brought by a Bnei Brak man will be heard in the Magistrate's Court here tomorrow. The plaintiff, David Steinberg, a recent immigrant from Ireland, alleges that he was attacked after being arrested in the course of a demonstration in Bnei Brak against the use of motor vehicles on the Sabbath.

Steinberg claims that after he was arrested he was put in a police van and driven to Ramat Gan police station. During the ride, the driver repeatedly gained speed and then slammed on the brakes, throwing his passengers violently to the floor.

On arrival at the station, Steinberg said, "This is how Jews were treated by the Nazis." Police sergeant Yehuda Bousidan then set upon him with a wooden club, Steinberg alleges.



Several thousand religious Jews crowd into Jerusalem's Sabbath Square in Mea Shearim yesterday to demonstrate against what they claim is the increased tendency to turn down the requests of girls for exemption from military service on religious grounds. The demonstration was given a police permit and was organized so that the women and men stood on opposite sides of the square. One of the religious leaders who addressed the crowd reminded them that a recent religious court ruling said it is better for a girl to be killed rather than join the army. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Top tennis players to vie for \$75,000

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thirty of the world's top men players will compete in this country's first "Grand Prix" tennis tournament at the Israel Tennis Centre (ITC) in Ramat Hasharon, starting on May 2, 1977. \$75,000 in prize money will be awarded at the eight-day meet.

Coinciding with the star-studded tournament will be the official opening of the ITC's 5,000-seat Canada Stadium. The stadium project is sponsored by Canadian Jews, who have contributed \$500,000.

The second and final stage in the planning programme of the ITC will include three other courts, bringing to 17 the number of all-weather courts. ITC executive director Ian Froman told the press

yesterday. To date, a total \$2m. have been raised abroad for the centre, mainly in the U.S., he said. Apart from Canada, contributions are also being made from South Africa and Britain.

Ramat Hasharon was allocated one of the Associations of Tennis Professionals' 20 Colgate-Palmolive "Grand Prix" tournaments, over competition from 150 applicants all over the world. The meet will be partly sponsored by Sabra Liquors, with additional assistance from the new Tel Aviv-Sheraton Hotel and El Al.

At least two places will be left open for top Israeli players, expected to be Yair Wertheimer and Shlomo Glickstein. The "men-only" event will consist of singles and doubles matches.

The ITC next month will also inaugurate Israel's own "Grand Prix" for the country's leading 32 men and 12 women players. Froman announced. The competition is being sponsored by the Sheraton-Tel Aviv and Wilson Sporting Goods, with total contributions of \$125,000. The over-all winners of the six bi-monthly tournaments will receive \$120,000 in prizes.

Shai Raz, in charge of education and development at the ITC, reported that after completion of the centre, satellite courts will be built in Jerusalem, Haifa and Beersheba. Over 3,000 boys and girls have passed through the ITC since its opening last April. Currently, its facilities are being used by some 1,000 youngsters, including 450 receiving regular coaching.

Panthers may run with Yadin or Sharon

TEL AVIV. — The major political parties are engaged in a conspiracy to run the Knesset election campaign on foreign policy issues alone, in order to divert public attention from the internal problems of deprivation and communal discrimination, Black Panther leader Shalom Cohen told a press conference at Beit Sokolov yesterday.

The Black Panthers' political centre had decided unanimously to contest the Knesset elections, Cohen said, and the movement was negotiating with Arik Sharon's Shomron group and Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change on the possibility of setting up a united front.

The Black Panthers' basic conditions in these contacts were that the lists should be set up on the "black-white" principle — half the candidates from oriental communities and the rest from other groups — and that the election programme of such a front should oppose compulsory arbitration and anti-worker legislation.

"The new lists run by Yadin and Sharon say they want to fight the elections with the emphasis on internal matters, and to change the structure of Israeli life. We intend to find out if these claims are true, or mere slogans to capture the oriental communities' votes," Cohen said. (Rim)

Haifa mayor may not stand again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mayor Yerahmim Zeisel may not stand again in the forthcoming municipal elections. He told his weekly press conference that he had not yet decided whether to let his candidacy to the Labour party.

Zeisel became caretaker mayor after Yosef Almogi quit the job in order to become World Zionist Organization chairman. The party's executive council, which is due to meet next month, is expected to decide on Zeisel's candidacy.

Zeisel told reporters at yesterday's conference that he had proposed splitting local and Knesset elections at a party meeting, but this had not been supported by the party.

A case of mistaken identity

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty persons from Mosheav Neve Ilan in the Jerusalem Corridor were spared anti-rabies inoculations yesterday when it was discovered that the rabid pointer killed in southern Jerusalem on Saturday night was not, as had been believed, the pointer they had been in contact with.

Ten other persons who were bitten by the rabid pointer reported to the District Health Office at 86 Jaffa Road yesterday to begin inoculations. Three others reported on Sunday. In all, about 110 persons bitten by rabid or unknown dogs in the past three weeks in Jerusalem have begun anti-rabies inoculations.

The Neve Ilan group, including a number of children, drove to the District Health Office yesterday morning after being told that the rabid dog was Doggy, a Mosheav pet who had

been given last week by its owners to acquaintances living in southern Jerusalem. The Jerusalem friend, after hearing that a rabid pointer had been shot, reported Sunday to the municipal veterinary authorities that Doggy, who had been acting aggressively, had fled a few days before. Doggy fitted the general description of the rabid dog — a large white pointer with brown spots.

At the District Health Office, however, the Neve Ilan group was told that the identification was not certain. Doggy's original owner asked to see the body of the rabid dog being held in a Shuafat dog pound. He was taken there and discovered that it was not Doggy.

Later in the day, Doggy returned, on his own, to his new owner's house in Jerusalem. He was then handed over to the authorities for observation — just in case.

Olim housing rights extended to five years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Immigrants who arrive after the middle of January will receive housing privileges for a full five years, instead of the current three-year period, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The extension of benefits has been agreed upon by the Treasury and the Absorption Ministry, in an effort to reduce pressure on olim to find permanent housing soon after their arrival. The benefits include rights to Government housing and un-linked mortgages for housing on the private market.

At the present time, only single immigrants have housing benefits for five years.

Another innovation soon to come into effect is the computerization of authorization for receiving housing privileges. Currently, a mortgage committee in the Absorption Ministry must decide whether and how much an immigrant may receive in the form of loans. Under the new procedure, each immigrant may fill out a form at the local ministry office; a computer will process the information and produce a mortgage authorization certificate that can be taken to any mortgage bank for receipt of the loan.

HAIFA UNIVERSITY'S library has presented duplicate copies of books to public libraries in a number of northern development towns, among them Kiryat Shmona, Haifa, Beit Shean, Migdal Ha'emek and Safed. Each received about 200 volumes in Hebrew, English and other languages.

Underground Zionist journal target of KGB

By SARAH MONTG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The underground publication, "Jews in the USSR," is the new target of the KGB in the wake of last week's successful foiling of the planned symposium on Jewish culture in Moscow.

The authorities have apparently decided to destroy the journal, according to information reaching *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. The KGB is concentrating its efforts on identifying the person or persons who edit the articles dealing with Jewish culture in the USSR and recent Jewish history there. Since the journal is Zionist in orientation, it has been high on the KGB's blacklist for a long time.

The KGB is questioning anybody known to be associated with "Jews in the USSR" in any way. These frequent and lengthy interrogations are accompanied by raids and thorough searches of homes in Moscow and other cities.

It also was reported that special pressure is being applied on veteran Vilna activists, Vladimir Rals and Vladimir Drot. Both were to have been interviewed by the KGB yesterday. Both have been thoroughly

questioned almost daily for the past fortnight.

Drot was recently told that the earliest date in which he can hope to join his family in Israel is 1980. He received an exit permit last year, but this was taken away after he let a dissident stay overnight in his flat.

20 months to study cities

A "committee of experts" to examine the local authorities' structure was set up by the Cabinet on Sunday.

The committee, headed by former Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar, will investigate the relationship between the central government and the local authorities, as well as sources of financing for the cities. The committee was given 20 months to report back.

Public critic of Almogi criticized ... But Dulzin says she was right

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The issue of whether a member of the Zionist Executive may publicly criticize the chairman as "unstable" and call for his replacement created tension through much of yesterday's regular Executive meeting in Jerusalem.

The Executive spent an hour discussing statements about chairman Yosef Almogi made in press interviews by Raya Jaglom, a member of the Executive and president of World Zionism. Mrs. Jaglom charged last week that Almogi is not an adequate representative of the Jewish people and the Zionist movement at his appearances abroad, and that he was not an active leader during Executive meetings. She proposed that Moshe Dayan be made president of the World Zionist Organization and WZO Treasurer Arye Dulzin be elected chairman in Almogi's stead.

Most of the Executive members formally opposed Mrs. Jaglom's method of expressing her dissatisfaction with Almogi, and disagreed with the content of her statements.

YOUTH ALIYA head Yosef Klarman, though a representative of the Herut opposition who has often stated his disapproval of Almogi, declined to support Mrs. Jaglom's action, explaining that such matters should be kept within the Executive chamber.

Dulzin, however, in an often trenchant discourse, said that if Mrs. Jaglom's statements to the press had been untrue, he himself would have been the first to denounce her. "But can anyone," asked Dulzin of the Executive, "say that she is not stating the truth?" He added that members of the Executive have often voiced the same criticism of Almogi that Mrs. Jaglom did. "I will not be a hypocrite," he maintained.

Mrs. Jaglom defended herself saying that she was speaking for herself and not in the name of her organization. Continuing to stand by her statements, she expressed her willingness to meet individually with Almogi to discuss the problem.

Almogi sat quietly but tensely through most of the session. Meanwhile, leaders of the Labour Zionist movement said yesterday it would request Wise to state whether Mrs. Jaglom speaks for herself or for her organization.

A member of the Executive (who asked not to be identified) told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he was "deeply disappointed that so much time is being wasted on such matters and not dedicated to solving the crises confronting the Zionist movement." He added that Almogi would probably remain in his position, and the debate of his suitability would continue.

Jerusalem state religious schools face shutdown

Parents protest school 'integration'

By MOSES KOHN
Jerusalem Post Education Correspondent

With parents keeping children home from one of Jerusalem's nine state religious elementary schools over the issue of integration and the parents at the other eight threatening to follow suit this week, the Director-General of the Education and Culture Ministry, Eliezer Shmuel, has invited all concerned to a meeting at his office today.

The meeting will try to deal not only with the immediate problem which moved the parents of the Yehuda Halevi School in Katamon to begin keeping their children home yesterday, but "will try to begin dealing with the whole complex of problems involved," the Ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Shmuel has invited parents' representatives and the heads of the Ministry's Religious Education Division and the Municipal Education Department to the meeting.

The immediate demand of the parents at the Yehuda Halevi School is for the restoration of the school's 7th and 8th grades, the chairman of the school's parents' committee, Dr. Mira Ofra, told *The Post*. She said that following the institution of the integrated "intermediate division," Yehuda Halevi became the

Capital's only state religious school not to have these grades. Furthermore, children completing the school's sixth grade are sent to an intermediate division for backward children (*tsuvot tipuach*), which, Ofra contended, is unwarranted, "as integration had been working well at our school."

The broader issue, over which the parents at all of Jerusalem's state religious schools are threatening to keep their children home, concerns the existence of two semi-private religious schools, which are not affiliated to the state religious stream but are recognized and subsidized by the governmental and municipal education authorities. These are the No'am school in Kiryat Moshe and Horev in Katamon, about 200 metres from Yehuda Halevi. These schools allegedly are drawing "the best children in the city," since they may admit pupils from any part of the city. The state schools may admit pupils only from their respective districts, and must admit all who apply. As a result, the state religious schools allegedly already have a high percentage of children from disadvantaged homes.

Ofra said that the parents were striking because the authorities had failed to keep their promise to

come up with "an acceptable solution" by the beginning of the Hanukkah school holiday.

The striking parents' main demands are that No'am and Horev be required to accept *tsuvot tipuach* pupils at the rate of up to 25 per cent; that the two schools not accept any pupils until the issue is resolved; and that the state religious intermediate division be suspended until the authorities can guarantee the "acceptable" proportion of no more than 30 *tsuvot tipuach* children to 70 regular children at every school having such a division (the ratio is currently projected at 60:40). The parents also want the integration programme halted until No'am and Horev agree to participate in it.

Too off to Russia

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Malcolm Toon, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, left here yesterday for Moscow where he is to take up his next post.

Toon left Israel on a TWA aircraft to Rome from where he will proceed to Moscow. He was seen off at the airport by representatives of the Foreign Ministry, the Diplomatic Corps and staff members of the U.S. Embassy. (Rim)

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Manila to grant Moslem autonomy in rebellious region, Marcos says

MANILA. — President Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday he had agreed to the creation of an autonomous Moslem region in the southern Philippines where at least 10,000 civilians were killed during a four-year-long Moslem rebellion.

The president was speaking at a televised news conference here three days after a cease-fire went into effect in the southern provinces. This followed what Marcos called a "tentative agreement" to end the rebellion.

The agreement was reached in talks last week in Libya, between government representatives and the Moro National Liberation Front

(MNLF), the Moslem rebel group which had earlier demanded a separate state.

Marcos said the talks almost collapsed because the sides could not determine which areas to include in the autonomous Moslem region. The MNLF had originally wanted the region to include all 21 provinces of the southern Philippines, even those where the Christians were in the majority, he said.

Marcos said it was still to be decided whether a plebiscite should be held in 13 provinces where some 2m. Moslems live, to determine which provinces wanted to be included in the Moslem autonomous

region.

Replying to a question, the president said at least 500,000 civilians lost their homes during the conflict and at least 10,000 civilians were killed. He did not disclose casualty figures among government troops and the rebels, although official estimates have put the government dead at 4,000, with probably a higher figure for the rebels.

Marcos also said the autonomous region would have a regional security force comprising Moslems and non-Moslems to maintain peace and order. They would be under the control of the armed forces of the Philippines. (Reuters)

Opec 'may' waive part of price hike

VIENNA. — The split over oil price hikes in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) has caused some uncertainty, and "it is not impossible" Opec might waive the 5 per cent price boost scheduled for July 1, 1977, the Secretary-General of the marketing group said yesterday.

"I assume that in the next six months, we will see how the market shapes up," M.O. Feyide of Nigeria said at a news conference.

He added that the main factors would be production, the quantity of available oil, and the demand in consuming countries.

Eleven of the 13 Opec members decided earlier this month to boost the price of oil by 15 per cent in two stages — 10 per cent as of January 1, and 5 per cent more as of July 1.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, and the United Arab Emirates refused to go along with the 15 per cent figure. Both said they would raise the price of their oil by only 5 per cent.

Asked if the other 11 Opec members might waive the second half of their price boost to heal the split in the group, Feyide replied: "It is not impossible, nothing is impossible."

To do that, Opec would have to hold a special ministers' meeting July 1. They are now scheduled to meet July 12, after the 5 per cent boost is scheduled to become effective.

Feyide said the price split didn't impair Opec. "It is stronger than ever," he insisted. "The decision showed that nobody in Opec wanted to steamroll over somebody else. There was unanimous agreement that an (upward) adjustment of the price was justified. There were only different views on the level. The unity and solidarity of Opec was not affected."

"If anybody thinks that Opec will break up, this is only wishful thinking."

Feyide leaves his post January 1, after a two-year term. His successor is Ali Mohammed Jaidah of Qatar. (AP)



Buddhist monks set up an altar near the wreckage of the Egyptair plane, which crashed into a Bangkok textile mill on Saturday taking the lives of about 75 persons. Thai village scouts and government officials were still engaged yesterday in identification of the bodies as relatives of the dead arrived to pray for the lost souls of their families.

Tower cleared of blame for Egyptair crash

BANGKOK. — Thailand's civil aviation department yesterday cleared the Bangkok air traffic controllers of any part in the Christmas day crash of the Egyptair Boeing 707, but stopped short of blaming the jetliner's crew for the crash.

A department spokesman said control tower tapes of communication with the jet indicated that the pilot of the jet saw the runway and was

therefore responsible for landing the plane.

More than 70 passengers, crew members and factory workers died when the jet plunged into the Thai Textile mill.

"According to international rules and regulations, the pilot takes responsibility in landing and take-off," the spokesman said.

"In the Egyptair case, the plane performance was good. The pilot reported that he saw the runway and visibility was four kilometers from the cockpit." But the spokesman said the pilot did not necessarily indicate that the plane was in a position to land. That would be determined by a probe possible human or mechanical causes, he said.

Life-belts used to save TV sets

Pilgrims refused to abandon ship

CAIRO. — The captain of the Egyptian pilgrim ship Patra which sank in the Red Sea on Friday, accused passengers of refusing to obey his orders to abandon ship.

Captain Mohammed Shabbab Hamad told "Al-Ahram" that all the passengers and crew would have been saved if they had followed his instructions.

"It was a sad and funny situation," he said. "Some passengers obeyed the orders, then climbed back to the ship trying to salvage their imported goods and personal belongings."

The captain said he even heard women urging their husbands not to leave the ship for fear of losing their imported goods. He quoted them as saying: "This is our life savings. We will die with the ship."

Captain Hamad said he distributed 600 life-belts although the passengers and crew did not total more than 450. He also lowered the Patra's six lifeboats, each capable of carrying 60 passengers.

He said that some passengers were later found to have several life-belts which they were using to

try to keep afloat such items as television sets. No official statement has been made on the number of casualties but the newspaper quoted harbor officials at Suez as saying that about 95 people were still missing. Captain Hamad told the newspaper that his officers had to use the passengers' own life-belts to force them to leave the ship. The ship broke out in the engine room, about 50 miles north of Jeddah. Most of the passengers were Muslim pilgrims returning to Mecca from the holy places in Saudi Arabia. (Reuters)

High cost of election financing

(Continued from page one) 1973? The following figures, taken from the State Comptroller's report, show that the small factions spent much less than permitted. One reason is that the law is sporting towards the "little guys." A one-member faction (of the outgoing Knesset) is allowed spending rights of two "units" (plus the usual third), a two-member faction, three units, a three-member faction gets four, three plus the third). But they only get paid per MK.

This is what they officially spent in the 1973 campaign, with the permitted ceiling in brackets. The Labour-Mapam Alignment — IL14,555,337 (IL14,820,000); Likud (including Gahal's Herut and Liberal State List, Free Centre, and Land of Israel) — IL7,759,492 (IL8,060,000); NRP — IL2,855,615 (2,860,614); ILP — IL1,046,614 (IL1,040,000) a slight overspending forgiven by the Comptroller on the grounds that his lieutenants had to do some of the accounting because of insufficient distinction between election and current party expenditure.

Ironically, perhaps, the Civil Rights Movement, champion of cleaner government, was faulted for having accepted donations from nine corporate bodies, totalling a relatively small sum of IL21,191, and perhaps it was a technical error. The faction returned the monies. It spent IL189,890 (IL780,000) retrospectively making a handsome profit. Kidma Uptuah — IL524,287

(IL780,000); Moked (Maki-Techetel Adom) — IL325,060 (IL780,000); Arab List — IL180,000 (IL780,000). The total declared spending by the parties in the 1973 elections — IL28,957,254. "The majority of the factions kept their accounts in the proper manner, and in no case was there need to refrain from establishing with directives," said the Comptroller's report. The somewhat circumspectious prose is better understood by the Comptroller's confession that control of party finances, including also the regular current party finances, was "limited significance" owing to difficulties in applying the provisions of the law. Looking on the brighter side, the Comptroller also found that "the law and its control served to strengthen regularization and restraint party spending."

Oil spill receding from U.S. coast

NANTUCKET, Massachusetts. — Winds in the area of the wrecked Liberian tanker Argo Merchant said the oil had moved about 10 kilometres toward shore, but pushing one of the largest oil spills in history away from shore. The tanker, which ran aground on December 15, broke into two a week ago and began to spew most of its 7.5m. gallons of heavy industrial oil into the North Atlantic. The U.S. Coast Guard on Sunday said the oil had moved about 10 kilometres toward shore, but pushing one of the largest oil spills in history away from shore. The tanker, which ran aground on December 15, broke into two a week ago and began to spew most of its 7.5m. gallons of heavy industrial oil into the North Atlantic. (Reuters)

Hart, 'conscience of U.S. Senate,' dies

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Philip A. Hart, Democrat-Michigan, a gently persuasive lawmaker who sought to dismantle large corporations in the U.S. and who was often called "the conscience of the Senate," died on Sunday. He was 64.

Hart, who died at his Washington home, was one of the most respected figures of the Senate's liberal wing. He had a major influence in the passage of landmark civil rights and consumer protection laws. He served three terms.

Hart was a longtime supporter of Zionism and the State of Israel. He served as chairman of the Michigan chapter of the American Christian Palestine committee, the group that was formed in the 1930s to back Jewish efforts in Palestine.

In the Senate, to which he was first elected in 1953, Hart was a co-sponsor of all measures to provide American economic and military assistance to Israel. (AP, JTEL)

French firm denies part in Libyan arms sale fraud

PARIS. — The French Thomson-CSF missile firm, supplier of radar for Israel's and Libya's Mirage warplanes, denied here yesterday it was involved in a \$15m. swindle in which Libya bought bogus U.S. night binoculars.

A Thomson employee and two executives of a Paris export firm face currency charges here in connection with the "sting" in which a senior Libyan official is believed to be a major accomplice.

The gang is also alleged to have collected \$80m. from Libyan President Mu'ammur Gaddafi for U.S. cannon which were never delivered.

Gerald Cauvin, Thomson's chief salesman for classified weapons, said yesterday: "The Libyans never approached me or any other department of the company. If a member of our firm is involved, it was on a purely personal basis."

Jean Abatucci, a senior aide to Cauvin, resigned from the firm last week after currency charges were brought against him by the French customs in connection with illegal dealings with Libya.

Abatucci and his confederates are alleged to have paid \$30,000 for crude optical devices which they passed off to Libya as "stuntrons," sophisticated night-vision binoculars used by tank commanders.

Menten to remain in jail as Dutch probe continues

AMSTERDAM. — A city judge yesterday ordered the detention for a further six days of 77-year-old Pieter Menten, the Dutch millionaire art collector accused of war crimes. The ruling upheld an application submitted by the Amsterdam public prosecutor.

Menten has been in custody since December 7, when he was arrested in Switzerland after fleeing from the Netherlands. He was expelled to his homeland last week and for four days was under police interrogation at a prison in Amsterdam.

The Dutch are probing allegations that Menten participated in the massacre of a large number of Polish Jews while serving as an SS officer in Poland in 1941. Menten has denied any involvement in the killings, which occurred at two villages that are now part of the

Soviet Union. A Dutch inquiry team will visit the Soviet Union shortly.

Menten is being defended by a top Dutch trial lawyer, Bernard Simon, who himself was an inmate of a Nazi concentration camp. It is not yet known when the trial will be, but under Dutch legal practice, a judge can extend preliminary custody for two periods of six days followed by three periods of 30 days. Pre-trial procedures could therefore last more than three months.

Menten returned to the Netherlands after the war and was sentenced to an eight-month jail term in 1949 for collaboration with the Nazis. Later he lived in luxury in a 40-room mansion close to Amsterdam. His art collection has now been impounded by the Dutch authorities. (AP)

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9. Beit Shemesh Park

Application forms, conditions, drawings of the places to be decorated and further details, may be obtained from the coordinator of the Committee for the Integration of Art in Building, Ministry of Housing, Hakirya, Tel. Aviv, 24 Rehov D, beginning January 2, 1977, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Proposals will be accepted from artists who can prove that they have in the past undertaken artistic projects similar to those they propose.

Proposals may be submitted until February 25, 1977.

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THE FIFTH PAGE

'A Willie Loman in each of us'

By MARSHA POMERANTZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter
WHAT would Willie Loman be doing in 1976? "He'd be dead by now," said Arthur Miller, his creator.

The 61-year-old playwright, in Jerusalem with his wife and daughter for 10 days, was talking informally to reporters at Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the city's guest-house for visiting artists and writers. He is tall and lean, with grey hair and a matching sweater.

Perhaps Willie, the sung unhero of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Death of a Salesman*, would have died by now of natural causes, if not suicide. But his archetype lives on. "The place is full of them," Miller said. "Loman is less a character than a condition. I think we all have some of him in us: full of gas, saying things we really don't understand, hoping for things we shouldn't have." Loman had a "sense of the tremendous possibilities of life, with no ability to grasp them."

He sees the reception of *Death of a Salesman* as a sort of litmus test of materialism. The play was mounted in France in 1950 and made a "reasonable impression." But recent productions there and in England and Germany had "much greater impact." It was a "sign that they had entered the consumer society," Miller said.

Another of Miller's plays, *All My Sons*, is being performed now in Israel by the Camer Theatre. Miller found the acting "remarkably sensitive," and Hanna Marron "terrific." He had "felt shaky about going there," he said, since he didn't like complimenting bad productions to be polite. But this one was a "great surprise."

Miller doesn't understand Hebrew, but since he has every situation he can "tell when they're taking it," he said. He has also heard his own plays in Georgian and Swedish, among other languages.

Asked whether it was the theme of

war and armaments, familiar to Israel, which helped make the production successful here, Miller said he didn't know Israel well enough to say. But it is the "archetypal reactions of the human race" which make the play, he believes. The problem of survivors: guilt, anger, the fruitlessness of what they went through. "The play is about war production," he said, "but that isn't what it's about." The contradiction was no contradiction.

And how did Miller feel about replacing Shakespeare on the required English curriculum in Israel? (All My Sons instead of *Julius Caesar*.) He didn't seem particularly pleased. "If people have to study something, they hate it," he observed.

Did he have a favourite play among his own works? "It depends what day it is," he said. "All my plays are attempts to get at my experience. One succeeds in one way, one in another way." Much depends on the production, he sees. A good one makes a less favourite play seem better — and vice versa.

He's in the middle of a new play, *The Archbishop's Ceiling*, which will be going into rehearsal in March. Asked what it was about, he said "I dare not talk too much about it. I've written one version, and am working on another... I'm never very good at describing my own plays, anyway." He would only say it's "in a new mode."

THE JEWISH questions were inevitable. "What does the phrase 'American Jewish writer' mean to you?" was the way one reporter put it. There was no clear definition, and much depended on the writer's age and when he or his parents immigrated to the U.S., Miller said.

"When I started writing, or thinking of myself as a writer, I would have said an American Jewish writer is one who writes in Yiddish," Miller said.



Arthur Miller, aged 61, in 1960, a year after he wrote "Death of a Salesman."

His own mother was born in the U.S., and his father arrived there at the age of six. Though they came from Orthodox backgrounds, all their effort was turned toward assimilation.

Being a Jewish writer in America was at least in the first instance a defensive stance, Miller said. "Hitler made the issue, as far as I was concerned." Zionists, whom he met only later, were "completely different."

"I've become more aware of and more interested in the Jewish part of my psyche," he said. "Though I didn't at first label it as such."

Where does Israel fit in? "Political Israel doesn't," he said. But he was astonished by some phenomena of the Jews — cohesiveness, obsessions with justice, the family. None of these are exclusively Jewish, but in part they are associated with Jewishness.

Though he didn't know enough about this country, he felt — he was here once before, in 1972 — "the idea of Israel — of Jews retrieving the past, and giving it continuity," was a great thing.

For the rest, he had reservations: "I can't say that when I pass a truck full of army guys here I feel any different from when I pass a truck full of American G.I.s," he said. "A lot of people break into tears at this." But that's the way it is.

Now that he'd got his feet dry in the Jewish desert, he seemed ready to come back. "Mishkenot is close to (Old) Jerusalem and Heaven," he said. And "this town is fertile as a place to dream."

'Akim Day'—a way to help the retarded

Special to The Jerusalem Post
TOMORROW is "Akim Day" in Jerusalem, when volunteers will go round the city on a "knock on every door" campaign for an organization that has been in existence since 1946.

In 1946 the doctor-parents of a retarded 19 year old son began to seek other Jerusalem parents with the same problem. Their search was hindered by the lack of cooperation of official bodies. The couple, Dr. Abraham and Dr. Malka Spiegel (the latter the present chairman of AKIM in Jerusalem) then turned to a friend and neighbour, Dr. Rachel Straus.

The War of Independence halted their activities, but in 1950 the Spiegels again gathered together a number of parents of retarded children and founded a voluntary self-help organization. Their primary purpose was to publicize the organization in order to contact more families. In 1952 a primitive

parent-to-parent counselling service was opened and a mimeographed bulletin "Our Retarded Children" issued. Parents in Tel Aviv and Haifa were contacted and encouraged to group together to create services for their children.

The Jerusalem parents gradually began to create facilities for their children. While the official bodies did not actively resist, not much aid was given.

A sheltered weaving workshop was established in 1955 for 15 retarded adults. Two years later AKIM was officially recognized as a "national voluntary organization." During the 1950s, Jerusalem AKIM opened the Rachel Straus Training Centre for 30 teenage girls and set up afternoon clubs for teenagers and for adult retarded.

In 1965 the Eddy Shor Centre was opened in Talpott for children between the ages of three and seven, in response to pressure from parents

of younger children. Three years later Israel's first hostel for retarded adults was opened on a site adjacent to the Eddy Shor Home.

Today AKIM is turning towards community projects, hoping that the Jerusalem Municipality will take over the management of the formal institutions as has been done in Tel Aviv and Haifa. This would free AKIM to respond to the needs of a new generation of young parents. For example, AKIM will next month sponsor a number of afternoon clubs in community centres for retarded children between the ages of three and 10. This will not only lift the burden from the families, but will also be a pioneer project in integrating handicapped children into neighbourhood activities. AKIM is also organizing a respite-care service of trained babysitters, financed by the Glumprik Foundation in New York.

In addition, AKIM Jerusalem is

also establishing a loan fund for parents of retarded children who need to make home improvements or additions. The Jerusalem Municipality, the Housing Ministry and Bank Tefahot are contributing to this project.

However, AKIM's most urgent project at the moment is to raise funds for the repair of the Eddy Shor and Rachel Straus structures which collapsed a few weeks ago. The Eddy Shor Centre had to be evacuated when the floor began to sink and a week later the Straus Centre was also temporarily evacuated when a classroom ceiling crumbled during a class. Most of the urgent evacuation work was done by the parents and staff.

Readers interested in further information or in donating either money or their time to work with the retarded and their families should contact the AKIM office at 21 Rehov Radak in Jerusalem.

DANCE / Joan Cass

Dancers of fine potential

THE HAIFA Piccolo Ballet proved to be a well-rehearsed company of fine potential, in a Jerusalem Theatre appearance on Friday morning. The group was presented in a thorough, professional manner, with choreographic material, costumes, sets and lighting all of decent quality. The problem is that first rate soloists must come up through the ranks, gaining in stage presence, technical assurance and interpretive subtlety through regular performances in an ensemble.

While the dancers in the Piccolo Ballet showed good training in technique and even in approaching a role, they lacked the authority that comes only from repeated exposure before an audience.

The opening Pas de Trois was arranged by Peter Appel to the music Tchaikovsky wrote for a section of "Swan Lake" that is today infrequently danced. Thus at one point, a dancer fluttered her arms in the familiar Swan pattern, because in the original choreography this was a solo for the Black Swan. Taken out of context, the impression of the trio was somewhat disjointed, although it was put together pleasantly enough.

Sarit Becker was featured here as she was in the pure classic Pas de

Deux from Petipa's "Sleeping Beauty," also arranged by Peter Appel. She was adequately partnered by Hagal Dolev, but Becker came through particularly well in her solo. She caught the spirit of the piece with the delicate precision of the footwork accompanied by softly lyrical arm and head movements.

On several occasions, however, she, and certainly the lesser performers, strained to reach the pinnacle of a pose, or to hold a difficult balance, or to glide slowly to the floor. It is not that they couldn't handle the techniques, but that they couldn't handle them with the poise and ease that mark the seasoned dancer. One was too conscious of their effort and then their relief at achievement.

The programme concluded with "The Hoopoe," an ambitious work choreographed by Lia Schubert according to a Bialik tale about King Solomon, some birds and some hunters. Schubert demonstrated competence in her craft, as did Arthur Gelbrun, who contributed an appropriate music score and Jan Tom van den Bergen who designed the decor. Again the whole troupe did quite well with both the modernistic and the classic movements.

RECORDS / Yohanan Boehm

Top level and better

WHEN in June 1974, I reviewed the Tchaikovsky Concerto, with von Karajan conducting the Orchestre de Paris, it was the first time I had ever heard Alexis Weissenberg. My summing up was: "Breath-taking speed in the piano runs, avoidance of sentimentality, brilliance of orchestra sound... All recordings of this work are top level nowadays, but maybe this one is just a little better." (ASD 2578-CBS Records, Israel).

Now, CBS Israel has issued some more — Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 (Stanislav Skrowaczewski conducting the Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire (Paris), and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Franck's Variations Symphoniques (Herbert von Karajan conducting the Berliner

Philharmoniker). On both discs Weissenberg is superb, with all the characteristics I had mentioned in the 1974 review. The conductors are different — Skrowaczewski conducts all the orchestral spots with almost "Prussian" stiffness but otherwise does not hinder the soloist. Highly recommended. (EMI 063010445).

Von Karajan leads the orchestra in exactly the same manner as Weissenberg plays his solo part, and both achieve an exciting reading of the Rachmaninoff in complete union of interpretation and intention. No saccharine but all musical content is preserved in their emotionally restrained but never cold attitude towards Franck's Variations Symphoniques. A great disc (EMI Electrola — ASD 2572).

Publications in Arabic

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's first publication in Arabic on research into Arabic language and literature will soon be issued by the Tel Aviv University.

It is hoped that two issues will be published during 1977, with the financial help of the university's Research Fund, but there is as yet no funding for the proposed four issues a year which are planned for the future.

Dr. Mattitahu Peled, head of the University's Arabic Department, explained that the decision to issue a publication in Arabic is the result of frustration felt by Israeli scholars in this field who have few opportunities to publish their work. Journals in the Arab world are closed to them. Publications dealing broadly with the Middle East devote so little space to language and literature that Israeli researchers have to wait a long time to get published.

The department's hope is that the publication, which will include studies on Islam as well as on language and literature, will reach the Arab world via the universities in Western countries to which it will be sent.

THROUGH THE LOOKING

GLASS / Joanna Yehiel

What's doing in hair for '77

WHAT'S the latest with hair? Does fashion at this moment decree that you should be flaunting a luxurious mop of curls, or hiding all trace of hair under a turban, like last winter? This year, hair is definitely in evidence — but the word in use is "graduated." That means the cut is all important — fairly short, close to the head and ears, with the line only rarely reaching below the nape of the neck. Each lock of hair is cut so that it "graduates" into the one beside and below it, like drifts of snow on a mountain, or sand on a dune.

This short, sculptured look, much more gentle on the face than the hard boyish crop of last year, should be easier to keep looking good with far fewer visits to the hairdresser. This is a godsend, necessary with salon prices sky-rocketing as they have in the last few months. It depends on an excellent cut which



Above: Sassoon's graduated cuts; (below) Lisa's French-inspired styles.

then only requires a fairly frequent trim. The rest — the washing and blow-drying — you can do at home yourself.

Where can you get such a good cut? Well, at a recent full-day "teach-in" in Tel Aviv, such graduated hair designs were demonstrated. Held at the Hilton, and attended by what appeared to be most of the country's hairdressers (and many of their clients too) the



course was organized by Vidal Sassoon, one of the most famous of all modern hair stylists.

Five of his staff took their long-suffering models through a preliminary shampoo and hair colouring session (colours by Wella, and mostly still unobtainable here, we were told, which left me wondering why they used them instead of the Wella shades we can get here), before they appeared on the stage to have their hair cut into "the five point bob," "the layered look" (in hair, not in clothes), and what can be done with "naturally curly hair" (it looked plain frizzy to me). And as the five stylists cut, combed and blew dry, they still had time to answer questions such as "What happens when hair style gets caught in the wind?"

Whether or not we, the clients, feel our hairdressers need the wisdom of Sassoon is debatable, but the stylists themselves obviously found the course interesting (sometimes downright funny). If they're hungry for more, Sassoon does a one-week course for \$80 and a one-week course for advanced students for \$220, both in London.

Evidence that our stylists do go abroad to find out what's going on in the hair world was sent to me recently by Lisa, of Tel Aviv's David and Lisa salon. Lisa recently spent three months in Paris, learning from Carita, who ranks with Vidal Sassoon among world-famous hair stylists and other French designers. The accompanying photos show what we should be doing with our hair this winter.

BATSHEVA DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS:

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In the presence of the President EPHRAIM KATZIR
Under the patronage of Mr. AHARON YADLIN, Minister of Education and Culture.
JERUSALEM, BINYENI HA'OOMA,
Monday, January 3, 1977, at 8.30 p.m.

In the presence of the Prime Minister, YITZHAK RABIN
Under the patronage of Mr. SELOMO LAHAT, Mayor of TEL AVIV-YAFO.
TEL AVIV, MANN AUDITORIUM, Tuesday, January 4;
Wednesday, January 5; Saturday, January 8 — at 8.30 p.m.

AYELET HAHANAH, YAD LARISHONIM VELABANIM,
Thursday, January 6 at 9.00 p.m.

Under the patronage of Mr. YERUHAM ZEISEL, Mayor of Haifa.
HAIFA AUDITORIUM, Sunday, January 9; Monday, January 10 — at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets: JERUSALEM, Cahana, TEL AVIV: ticket agencies.
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Through children's eyes

By KINKE WEINSTEIN

Special to The Jerusalem Post
"JERUSALEM through children's eyes" is the theme of the first international children's painting competition on Jerusalem, for which preparations are currently under way.

As one of the celebrations of the forthcoming 10th anniversary of the city's reunification, Jewish and gentile children from all over the world between the ages of seven and 14 are being invited to express their image of Jerusalem on canvas. The contest is sponsored by Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Central Office of Information at the Prime Minister's Office and other public and private institutions. The deadline for submitting entries is March 15, 1977.

According to Mr. Yaacov Shatz, director of publication services at

the Central Office of Information, over 20 countries have already confirmed their participation. He expects to receive more than 1,000 art works from abroad. In those countries with many participants, entries will first be screened by local committees. Israeli school-children are also invited to participate.

Six winners from overseas will be awarded a week's visit to Israel, each with one companion. Six winners from Israel will be given gold medals. The 120 best works, to be selected by an international jury, will be exhibited at the Israel Museum. Each child whose painting is displayed will receive a certificate and an album of Jerusalem.

Further details about the contest may be obtained from Mr. Shatz at the Central Office of Information in Jerusalem.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Teleplay

17.50 Moomin Valley: series based on the book by Tove Jansson

18.00 Swiss Family Robinson: Dead Man's Gold

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes: 18.35 Special regards Bar-Ilan University students

19.00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with The Amazing Years of Cinema: A look at the first twenty years of the cinema, from the mid-1890s to the outbreak of World War I.

Part 1: The Mad Scientists

20.30 Morasha: Questions and answers on Halacha and Jewish thought. Prof. Yosef Ben-Shimon moderates

21.00 Mahat Neofel

21.30 Moked

21.50 The Rockford Files: Profit and Loss

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ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning concert - Gershwin: An American in Paris; Bizet: Symphony in C Major; Debussy: Concerto and Dance (Alphons and Aloys Kontarski); J.C. Bach: Piano Concerto in E-flat Major; Rostropovich: Quartet in D Major; for Wind Instruments; Schumann: Album for 4 Jugend, Op. 48 (A. Weissenberg); Saks: Symphonies in F Minor

10.05 Programme announcements

10.15 Programme on Special Education

10.35 Radio story: "Laito Hamma" by Yehuda Gurli

11.15 English for beginners

12.05 (Stereo): Israel Trio (Volkov, Breuer, Harel) - Dornman: Trio No. 2 (1970); Mendelssohn: Trio in D Minor, Op. 49

13.00 Smetana: Czech Dances; Lev Egan: Trumpet Concerto No. 2; Arnold: Ballet Suite

14.30 Land of Why - quiz

15.04 Golden Watch club - programme on old age and retirement

15.50 Lesson in spoken Arabic

15.55 Notes on a new book

16.05 (Stereo): "For the Collector" with Edna Pe'er

16.45 Bach: Vocal Music; Mozart: Symphony No. 3, K. 18; Puccini: Septet No. 1, Op. 26; Stravinsky: Solerz fantastiques, Op. 8

16.55 (Stereo): Music Club, with the "Pro Musica" Orchestra, violin, conducting, and Yehudit Lazarovich, soprano

20.45 (Stereo): Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Sidney Harth conducting with Sylvia Glick, violin

Haydn: Symphony No. 88; Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto; Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2

22.10 An hour with Dr. Yehuda Fried

Second Programme

12.30 Israeli songs

12.55 "Once Again" - entertainment

13.00 Weekly magazine on the cinema

13.05 Weekly journal on religious life

13.45 Sports commentary

13.50 People and events in the news

13.55 Bible reading: Isaiah, 54

14.00 Selections from "Here at Home"

21.05 Songs of different cultural communities in Israel

22.05 The Apple and the Tree - discussion of problems between parents and children. Listeners can call 03-536232 to ask questions of a psychologist in the studio

22.10 Radio drama: "Scenes from a Marriage", by Ingmar Bergman (part five)

Army Radio

12.05 Songs

12.45 Fifteen Minutes - a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world

13.00 Songs

14.05 The songs of Shlomo Arad

15.05 Gad Livneh's talk show

15.55 "The Jerusalem Corner" with Yael Esteron

16.05 Doctors answer listeners' questions about health

16.57 Programme announcements

17.05 Special programme honouring the 60th anniversary of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

18.55 Prof. Shimon Sandbank describes his visit to the Freud home in Vienna

BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Modified advance

Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The equities market continued to make headway yesterday though the advance was less pronounced than on Sunday. Bank shares were by far the volume leader of the session. The low P/E ratio shares, currently selling at a multiple of seven, saw the recent advance halted at 268. The shares may be poised for a further advance as the year draws to an end. The other two major banks also were traded without change in price. Refshot made a smart advance to 288, a five-point gain for the session.

Insurance shares continued to act as a support for the group on the 13 point jump to 403. Aryeh's stock rose to 320, a gain of 10 points as it closed by only four points at 475.

Among real estate issues, Israel and Development finally reached a 200 mark on a one point advance. Property and Building continued to advance and closed at 235 for a four point gain. Neotviv advanced to 260, a gain of 10 points, while the stock of Sunco closed at 260, a gain of 10 points.

Industrials presented more of a mixed picture. Elco IL2.5 dipped by 10 to 572. Argaman (pref.) gained 10 to 276. The surprise of the day was again provided by the American-Israel Paper Mills. The shares gained 11.5 points to 226. In the past two days the shares have

advanced in excess of 15 per cent. No apparent reason was available to explain the rapid rise.

Investment company shares continued to draw investment attention as the sector moved ahead on very moderate volume. Elgar gained four to 227 as did Discount Investments to 245. Bank Leumi Investments, on the other hand, dipped by three to 258. Piyon Investments continued to be a star attraction. The shares advanced to 470 for a 15-point gain. During the session they had traded as high as 475.

In spite of an offer of \$47,000, the Nafed investment dollar traded unchanged at IL2.68.

The index-linked bonds market could not sustain its recent gains. Trading was slower and declines predominated. The 3000 series of index-linked bonds saw losses of one-two per cent. The 6.5 per cent Defence loans were set back by about 1.5 per cent. Optional loans were fairly stable.

Most active issues

B. Leumi 268 n.c. IL271,600
IDB (new) 133 n.c. IL486,900
IDB (opt.) 57.2 n.c. IL381,400
Stocks traded: IL12.3m.
Variables: IL4.4m.
Bonds traded: IL18.1m.
Nafed: IL 9.63 n.c.
Offer: \$47,000
Turnover: \$60,000

Lera	b	204	203
Mebadrin	r	404	400
I.C.P. Citrus	r	151	140
Neot Aviv	r	283	245
Neot Or Ltd.	r	340.5	339
Rasoco - 8% pref.	r	133	170.5
Rasoco	r	143	140
INDUSTRIAL			
Adiance	r	879	880
Elco - 2.5	r	828	888
Electra - 5	r	248	263
Argaman - 8%	b	276	289
Alta - C	r	177.5	181
Dubek	b	426	435
Elco, Wire & Cable	b	109	110
Teva	r	1065	1080
Chem. & Phosphates	r	127	136.5
Levin Electric	r	146	155
Koller Textile	r	200	202
Power Mills	r	236	214.5
Assia "B"	r	176.5	176.5
Kochman 8% pref.	r	825	825
Elita	r	327	331
Sheman - 8% pref.	r	161.5	159.5
Elita	r	132	132
Protarom New	r	118	116.5
Etron IL 2	r	685	680
INVESTMENT COMPANIES			
Elgar	r	227	223
Elitex	b	283	280
Israel Central Trade	r	128	135
Elaplan	b	340	342
Paz	b	380	382
Wolfson - IL10	b	100	102
Elapa	r	150.5	151
Discount	b	245	241
United Mizrahi	b	195.5	193.5
Leumi Export	r	359	363
Piyon	r	470	455
Export Bank	r	128	138
Gla	r	250	250
Steel Industries	r	189.5	187.5
FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES			
Naphtha CTC	r	699	680
Lapidot CTC	r	1000	1049
Jordan Exploration	r	1325	1335
Jordan Warrants	r	1196	1180
Eltek C	r	230.5	240
Israel Electric Corp.	r	220	214
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Who needs TV commercials?

THE PROSPECT of advertisements, screened on people's television sets within the privacy of their homes, can only evoke a general groan of dismay. There is nothing more repellent than compulsory viewing.

The Broadcasting Authority claims that it needs more money. According to its head, Yitzhak Livni, commercials are the most painless way of getting it. This proposition should be considered.

The finance for advertising must come from somewhere. Either business firms will reduce their outlay on publicity in the newspapers and switch the funds, or they will augment their total expenditure on advertising.

Newspapers, like any other enterprise, feel unfriendly about a competitor; but this time their case deserves to be carefully understood. An organ of information and opinion can remain free and unfettered only as long as it covers its own expenses. The advertising cake in a small country like Israel is too diminutive to be easily divided. The press is not a great money-maker. If it is compelled to fall back on subsidies from the Government, it will cease to be independent.

Suppose, on the other hand, that TV makes no inroads in other people's interests. Suppose that all the outlay on TV commercials is additional money. Is there a benefit in that?

It would be a pity, in the present time of scarcity, to increase the resources of labour and capital devoted to promoting consumption. Advertising is useful as a source of information. It is necessary to tell the public what products are available on the market. Beyond that point, salesmanship can be anti-social. The public is coaxed to do what the Government beseeches it to refrain from doing. An appeal from the Finance Minister to save could be sandwiched between two spectaculars exhorting the viewer to spend.

This can be seen as an argument against advertising in general. It is certainly an argument against widening the scope of the activity — and in a particularly costly form at that. Which still leaves the budgetary problem of the broadcasting service unsettled. What alternative ways are there of creating income?

First and foremost, waste can be cut in the present administration. There is no justification for feather-bedding tactics, like appending a totally superfluous radio technician to every reporter in the field. Nor does the public relish the idea that the money it already subscribes through the annual licence fees may be frittered away on giving staff members a higher grading than other civil servants get (which is what the present work slowdown is all about).

As to revenue, there should be no objection to sponsored programmes. It is a form of (discreet) advertising still, but does not involve the devotion of skills and studio-space to creating eyesores on the screen. Finally, the Government might consider allocating the revenue, that it would otherwise forfeit anyway if advertising were allowed (since publicity is tax-deductible), to improving the programme of a nation-wide service — whose purpose is to bring distraction and instruction in every home.

Politics and humbug

POLITICS spells uncertainty. Yet it is a fairly safe bet that the Likud's current efforts to unseat Prime Minister Rabin, and to form its own "national unity" Government, will not be successful. It is also reasonable to assume that, however the High Court settles the issues of the ILP's and the NRP's continued membership of the caretaker cabinet, that cabinet will still be headed by Mr. Rabin.

For these very reasons, Likud leader Menachem Begin pleaded with Mr. Rabin, in the Knesset, to put off his expected trip to Washington for a meeting with President-elect Jimmy Carter, after the inauguration on January 20.

Mr. Begin claimed that it would be improper for the head of a minority government to exploit a State function in order to gain partisan advantage, in the parliamentary elections. The argument has now been picked up by others as well.

Yet the logic of the contention is entirely spurious, and Mr. Rabin was right to reject it. A caretaker cabinet — is it still necessary to belabour the point? — is fully empowered, indeed obligated, to keep the country running on the basis of established programmes and existing resolutions. This would very properly include a visit by the Prime Minister to Washington, which by now has become a virtually annual routine.

The same, incidentally, applies to the Knesset, whose committees are authorized to continue their work right up to election day. Since the Alignment has now lost control of some of these committees, they may well be used by the Opposition in such a manner as to embarrass the Government. Yet so long as this is done in the course of the committees' regular business, and without a violation of the rules, it cannot be helped. It could, however, net some interested parties much greater political advantage than that which might conceivably accrue to Mr. Rabin from meeting with Mr. Carter.

Whether the journey will in fact take place is another matter. Mr. Carter himself has told "Time" magazine that the first thing he would do before making any proposal for the resumption of Middle East peace talks, would be to confer with the leaders of Israel, Egypt and Syria. But he was not sure whether it would be appropriate to hold these "exploratory meetings" before the Israeli elections.

What Mr. Carter most likely had in mind was the advisability of waiting for the political dust to settle, as it were, in Israel before moving on to substantive discussions. It is not very probable that he was moved by fear of seeming to meddle in the Israeli electoral process. After all, if he wanted, as U.S. President, to help Mr. Rabin win, there were rather wider possibilities open to him than inviting the Prime Minister to Washington.

The election campaign gets under way. The public will inevitably be exposed to much humbug. The fuss over a possible Rabin visit to Washington is a first example.

NOWHERE are political decisions more urgently needed — following the up-dating of the Knesset elections to May — than in the Yadin-Shinui movement, which barely began to form a month ago.

One of the thorniest questions to confront them is whether or not to merge with the other small factions in the political centre for the purpose of launching a credible challenge to the Alignment.

Prof. Yigael Yadin announced his movement's guiding principle in regard to mergers from the very outset. Anyone subscribing to the broad principles enunciated by the founding group is welcome, but on an individual basis only. No factions are to be accepted *en masse*, so that the built-in commitments that go with the merging of equal groupings can be avoided.

It is understandable that the prospective candidates for merger — the Independent Liberals, Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement, and Shmuel Tamir's Free Centre — have been leery of joining on the basis of such rigorous terms. The locally emotional — emotional in closing down parties that have been operating for between three to 50 years, is obvious. The advantages to be gained from joining Yadin seem to be much less certain by comparison.

Thus the talks between the various groups are still going on. What is clear is that speedy decisions are needed in view of the new electoral timetable. What is also clear is that the end result will constitute the first practical test by which a receptive but sceptical public will judge Yadin and the Democratic Movement for Change.

THERE SEEMS to be a broad but vague feeling among the DMC's likely supporters at the polls that merging with all the other parties in the centre is an essential first step to proving the new movement's mettle. This is an extension of the general Israeli attitude that the unification of apparently like-minded political

The choices before Yadin

By YOSEF GOELL

groups is good in itself. Unity is always to be preferred to the constant fragmentation which is seen as the bane of Israeli party politics.

However, when one examines the pro's and con's of a merger between the Yadin group and its prospective partners in the centre, the conclusions one arrives at are more subtly differentiated than the simple dogma that "unity is good; separation is bad."

To judge from early public-opinion polls there is a large floating vote, estimated at over 45 per cent of the electorate, which may be considered to be well disposed to the Yadin challenge. Many of these voters are particularly receptive to the message of a sweeping change in Israeli politics, but are at the same time extremely sceptical as to the sincerity of any politician. Thus any step that would tend to tarnish the DMC's image as a group sincerely committed to change would work to its detriment.

Applying this criterion to possible merger partners, one comes up with the following results:

Any merger with the Independent Liberals, who have been in Labour-led coalitions since Israel's inception, would constitute a kiss of death. The ILP's reputation as middle-of-the-road liberal politicians will have absolutely no effect on attenuating their dead-end arch-establishmentarian aura.

Accepting MKs who may wish to defect from the major parties would

in all likelihood have a similar effect on the DMC's image of uncompromising change. About the only conceivable exception to this flat statement might be Labour Party M.K. Abner Yaviv, who has been spoken of as a possible convert to the Yadin movement.

On the other hand, Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement, Shmuel Tamir's Free Centre, Independent M.K. Binjamin Halevy and Ariel Sharon's Shlomzion Movement would not, *a priori*, undermine the DMC's commitment to change.

ANOTHER consideration of prime importance for the DMC is the credibility of its programme. One of the problems that bothers many potential Yadin voters is the suspicion that it too will succumb to temptation and become a "programmatic supermarket," saying all things to all men.

Yadin has sought to handle the tricky issue of "peace and the territories" by repeating the Alignment's purposely vague compromise, but with a difference. He and other members of his movement have emphasized that domestic, rather than foreign, affairs are the crux of Israel's problems, and have to be handled first. They have openly admitted that some of their movement's founding members are split on external issues but are united on the urgent need for internal political change.

It is still too early to know how the

electorate will receive this sophisticated argument, which is wide open to charges of dissimulation. What is quite apparent, however, is that any merger with groups or individuals too clearly identified in the public's mind with extreme "hawkish" or "dovish" stands will undermine the credibility of the assertion that "domestic change comes first."

Taunting advertisements have already appeared in the newspapers, challenging the hawks in the Yadin camp — Meir Zorea, Dan Tolkowsky, and the others — to repudiate a demand by Amnon Raphael, a Shinui leader, that the Gush Emunim settlement at Kaddum be cleared away by force.

The criterion of credibility should rule out merging with such groups as Arye Eliaz's Independent Socialists, who, together with Meir Pa'il's M.K. ed, are Israel's most dovish doves. It should also rule out merger with Sharon, as long as he does not publicly renounce his extreme hawkish positions.

FINALLY, there is the practical consideration of appeal to the electorate. This would seem to offer an even more cogent argument for saying "no" to a merger with Sharon. Early public-opinion polls show Sharon to be almost as popular as the Yadin-Shinui movement. He appeals, however, to a different segment of the public than that attracted to the Yadin-Shinui camp.

A Yadin-Sharon merger would probably result in a net loss of votes, as fringe supporters of either group would tend to be put off by the merger. This phenomenon has been noted in previous mergers — unity often results in a loss of votes. It appears, then, that the Yadin-Shinui group should actively seek unification with Shulamit Aloni, and with Shmuel Tamir, resist merger feelings from the Independent Liberals, and conclude a gentlemen's agreement with Ariel Sharon to run separately with an eye to possible merger after the elections.

READERS' LETTERS

POLITICAL INCONSISTENCY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, I notice with dismay a strange and disheartening inconsistency between the public utterances and the actual behaviour of our political leaders in their quest to cure the country's numerous ills. I am referring specifically to those who head the traditional as well as the newly-formed political parties of the liberal centre.

There is Mr. Kol of the Independent Liberal Party who "feels that the only alternative is the election to office of a 'third-power' liberal coalition" and therefore "for the ILP, the only viable alternative is to unite with the other forces of the liberal centre to create a third force" (November 19). There is the Free Centre leader, M.K. Shmuel Tamir calling upon the liberal parties of the centre, namely the Liberal Party, the Independent Liberals, the Citizens Rights Movement, Shinui, Ariel Sharon's new movement "Shlomzion," the Democratic Movement headed by Professor Yigael Yadin, and M.K. Binjamin Halevy to merge into a liberal bloc (November 25). There is the C.R.M. supporting the idea and "offering a solution to the 'personality problems' — for the candidates to the Knesset to be chosen in primaries" (November 25). There is Ariel Sharon expressing willingness, to join forces "with any party that has the same, or even similar views

to ours" (December 3). There is Professor Amnon Rubinstein of Shinui, who "hopes that such a development will come about, on condition that..." (December 2) And there is Professor Yigael Yadin, declaring at a meeting at Kibbutz Hanita on December 10 that the new party formed by the merger of Shinui and his own movement does not preclude joining political forces, provided conformity in Weltanschauung is achieved and provided the principle of internal democracy is accepted.

To this bewildered citizen, the views expounded by the above parties — whether on the subject of security or on internal reform — seem practically identical: each of them commits itself to making all possible efforts to achieve peace with our neighbours, none of them advocates withdrawals without peace, all are for the same electoral, economic, social and other reforms and solutions. So why don't they join forces? Why do they utter words which are not followed by deeds?

If they want the nation to rally behind them in a common all-out effort to change the quality of our life in all its aspects they should be the first to give an example of unity and cooperation and sacrifice for the common weal.

JUDITH LELYVELD
 Hod Hasharon.

THE SHEKEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — For some time now, there has been talk of introducing the shekel into the Israeli currency. However, it would be foolish to let the shekel take the place of the pound; rather it should be one shekel equals 10 pounds. If at the same time, there were a corresponding and realistic devaluation of one shekel to one dollar, the American tourist would feel quite at home paying approximately the same amount here as at home. Simultaneously, the Israeli might perhaps feel that prices are more reasonable when expressed in shekels.

More important, however, the shekel like the New Franc in France could form the basis for a new and better economic policy. Prices and, hopefully, incomes would be related to the shekel and the dollar with some hope of achieving stability and stopping the inflationary spiral.

GERALD E. TAUBER
 Tel Aviv.

COINS AND MEDALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In your column, "Coins and Medals," of December 20, you mentioned the fact that our Corporation is offering the 1976 International Hobby Exhibition Medal to its clientele.

I wish to clarify that this medal was struck exclusively, and as a private issue, for the sponsors of the International Hobby Exhibition.

The above-mentioned medals were not offered by our Corporation, but by a private coin dealer. His presentation and literature sent to the public appear to be misleading, as though the offer was dispatched from our Corporation.

These medals are not part of the general collection, and will not appear in our official catalogue. YITZHAK AVNI, Director-General, Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, Jerusalem.

BLOT ON LANDSCAPE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As a visitor to Israel, I have been greatly impressed by the way you look after the land, carefully using every square metre and husbanding your resources.

It was with some astonishment, and deep disappointment, therefore, that I observed an example both of waste and despoliation on a train journey from Jerusalem. Not more than 10 kilometres from Jerusalem, a sewer outfall discharges into a dry stream bed in what is otherwise a beautiful rugged gorge. Scenically, this train journey must be the finest in Israel and rank with scenic journeys of world class. Yet what a shame to have to travel with windows tightly closed and needing a nose plug! Apart from the pollution of the environment, there is a waste of resources — if the effluent was treated at the outfall, it could produce fertilizer for the upper reaches of the valley and the cleaned effluent could water the cultivated strips further downstream.

For the sake of future visitors, not to mention the people who live near this vile-smelling open sewer, cannot someone make it a matter of top priority to clean it up?

COLIN J. TAYLOR
 Associate Professor in Town Planning, University of Queensland, Haifa (Australia).

STATE AND RELIGION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It seems incredible that, in a country with as many problems as we have, both internal and external, a party tables a motion of no-confidence for the desecration of the Sabbath.

Most modern nations have separated state and religion generations ago, and it is about time we also did so in Israel.

BRIAN ZINMAN
 Petah Tikva.

HAPPY TRAINEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Nearly a year ago, 33 graduates of Bnei Akiva arrived in Israel for a year of intensive training, during which we toured the country, studied and worked the land.

As the end of our programme draws near, we, members of Bnei Akiva from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South America, and Uruguay, would like to thank the people of Israel, the members of Kibbutz Kfar Etzion and especially our madrich for a truly wonderful year.

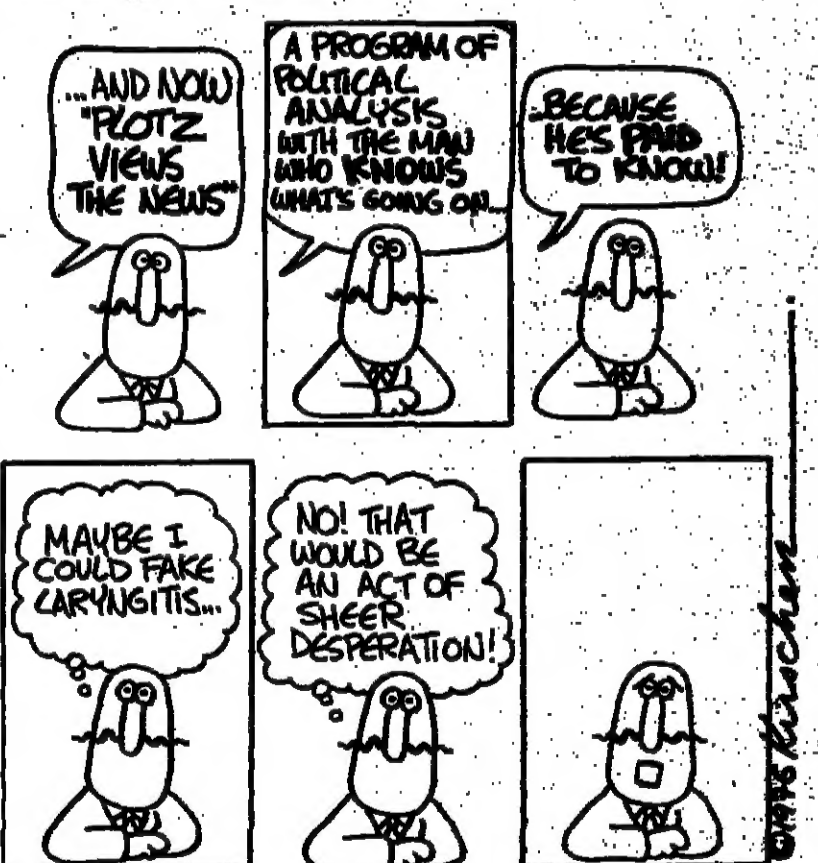
DAVID FISHER
 Kfar Etzion.

FAVOURITE GIFT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Just a brief word to compliment you and your staff for your splendid international edition, which we look forward to every week. Without derogating any of your other writers, may I say Helga Dudman never fails to make her point with extraordinary style, clarity and simplicity. She and Lea Ben Dor outdo most writers in "The New Yorker" both because of their ability and a certain *je ne sais*.

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Minnesota, Oakland in Super Bowl

THE Oakland Raiders and Minnesota Vikings for the National Football League championship at the Pasadena Rose Bowl on January 8.

On Oakland, Sunday, Ken Stabler passed the Raiders through Pittsburgh's previously impregnable defense and into Super Bowl XI, throwing for two touchdowns to beat the injury-riddled Steelers 24-7 in the American Conference title game.

But in the day in Bloomington, Minnesota, the Vikings claimed a 24-13 triumph against Los Angeles as they held off a late Rams comeback to clinch the National Football Conference championship.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, who used the Raiders as stepping stones to Super Bowl titles the past two years, could do virtually nothing this time with their running tandem of 1,000-yarders, Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier, afflicted by injuries.

But the Raiders' runners — Clarence Davis, Mark Van Eeghen, and Peter Banasak — were able to run virtually unhindered through a defense which had carried the Steelers to 10 straight victories.

And with Davis diving in for a one-yard touchdown and Stabler passing four yards to former Steeler Warren Bennett and five to Banasak for scores, it is the Raiders who will take on the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football League Championship at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

The Vikings beat Los Angeles 24-13 in the National Football Conference championship earlier on Sunday.

Stabler, the NFL's passing leader and top touchdown scorer with 27 this season, completed 10 of his 18 attempts for 86 yards before leaving the game with a bruised rib late in the third period. He sustained the injury when he was clipped after unloading the five-yard scoring pass to Banasak.

By that time, the Raiders' victory was well in hand. It was a victory long in coming.

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Borg, Connors, Evert dominate world tennis

could do was to concentrate on attaining the Wimbledon and winning certain events. Even the Grand Prix, which is a year's tour, was left to the U.S. women's team.

Over the years, a tour which encompassed the Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, which were the two major events, and it is supposed to produce the world's eight top players.

In the Wimbledon tournament, the Australian Margaret Court won the women's singles title for the third year. Margaret Court, 24, defeated the American Evert 6-3, 6-4, 6-8.

The game changed in other ways too. A new country, Italy, won the Davis Cup — a year's tour of the U.S. and Australia, the Yugoslavians won the Italian crown and the Australian men's team did not get their strongest team together because of rival commitments.

There was no doubt about the U.S. women's team. The year's No. 1 woman player, Chris Evert, who turned 22 last week, was a top-up of all the two women's No. 1 players of the year. Borg, the dynamic 20-year-old Swede, won the World Championship Tennis (WCT) title at last year's tournament in the final two years running, and he went on to win the Wimbledon title, traditionally the biggest crown of all.

In a direct confrontation, Connors overcame Borg in the final to win the Wimbledon title. One fact emerged clearly from 1976: no player can dominate the year's tennis scene over a long period for the moment. With big prize money to be won, often with two or three tournaments going on together in different parts of the world — and head-to-head challenges and nation's circuit, the best any man



Connors

All-Star Football feature scrapped

CHICAGO — The U.S. college All-Star Football Game has been scrapped because of increasing expenses and uncertainties in recruiting player personnel, the organizing "Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc." announced last week.

The midsummer game has been staged since 1954.

The game simply has priced itself out of existence, said a spokesman. He also said that last year 36 of the 55 players reported to All-Star camp were injured, and that the fact that there was no player draft next year has added to the uncertainty of holding the game.

The feature was created by the late Alvin Karpis, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, and was held annually except for 1974, when a players' strike forced cancellation. The game has raised about \$100,000 for charity.

14th seed scores major upset in world junior net tourney

MIAMI BEACH — Elliot Telleser, top-seeded world's best in her class, defeated Larry Gottfried 6-3, 6-8 yesterday in the semi-final of the orange Bowl World Junior Tennis Championships at Flamingo Park here.

World No. 14, Telleser, pulled off the tournament's biggest surprise.

The 14th seeded Telleser, of Pelic Verdo, California, will face John Magnus, of Douglass, New York, in the final today.

Magnus, who lost to Gottfried in the U.S. final last summer, defeated Robert Van Hoyt of Downey, California, 6-1, 6-4 in the other semi-final.

Telleser, who earlier beat the fourth and sixth-ranked players without losing a set, was in control throughout the match, taking six of the first seven games.

In the girls' tournament, Marilee



Borg

was Roscoe Tanner, whose thunderous service knocked out the favorite, Connors, in the quarterfinals. But Tanner failed to reproduce the same form in the semi-finals and was defeated by the Australian, who went on to meet the Russians in the final.

As so often in the past, Telleser, who had been around since he was 16, finally came out of his teens looking like a mature player. His first encounter with Connors was in the final of the U.S. professional indoor championships at Philadelphia in January, and Connors won. But the Swedish star went on to shine brightly on the W.C.T. circuit. He came from behind to vanquish Arthur Ashe, the defending Wimbledon champion, in the final of the W.C.T. tournament in February and So Paulo in April.

Wimbledon champion, showed high promise at this stage of the year. He won five tournaments on the W.C.T. circuit, but failed to win the year. He was beaten out by Vitas Gerulaitis, failing to reach the quarterfinals.

One of the big stars of the sport, Connors, who had been around since he was 16, finally came out of his teens looking like a mature player. His first encounter with Connors was in the final of the U.S. professional indoor championships at Philadelphia in January, and Connors won. But the Swedish star went on to shine brightly on the W.C.T. circuit. He came from behind to vanquish Arthur Ashe, the defending Wimbledon champion, in the final of the W.C.T. tournament in February and So Paulo in April.

Canada in 2nd round of World Cup play

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti. — Canada's soccer team blanked the U.S. by 4-0 in a playoff last week and advanced to the second round of the World Cup finals for the first time ever. The score at the interval was 1-0.

The U.S. and Canada had finished in a tie with Mexico in the preliminary round-robin series, with Mexico advancing because of a better goal average.

Canada and Mexico go on to play in the next round along with teams from Central America and the Caribbean region. Only one country from this series gets a berth in the Buenos Aires finals in 1978.

Soviet in lead for junior chess crown

GRONINGEN — Evgeny Vladimirov, of the Soviet Union, continued on Sunday to lead the field of 64 competitors in the fifth round of the world junior chess championship with the fifth consecutive victory.

Vladimirov, playing the whites, beat Cuba's Reinaldo Vera, who eliminated in the third and first round respectively. Glickstein went down to Alexander Gattaior of Argentina, 4-6, 2-4, while Levin was also knocked out by an Argentine in straight sets, losing 0-4, 2-11 other players at 14 points each.

Year's main events were Olympics and car driver's battle with death

LONDON — On a day when the world's attention was focused on the Olympic Games, the death of a young man in a car crash was a stark reminder of the fragility of life.

The Olympic Games, which began in Munich on Monday, were the main event of the year. The games were held in a city that had been the site of the 1936 Olympic Games, and the 1972 Olympic Games.

The death of a young man in a car crash was a stark reminder of the fragility of life. The man, who was 21 years old, was driving a car when it crashed into a tree. He was killed instantly.

The death of the young man was a tragedy for his family and friends. He was a talented athlete and a promising young man. His death was a reminder of the dangers of driving and the importance of safety.



A member of the U.S. Olympic swimming squad, John Weber (above), after receiving one of his four gold medals in Munich, before the German relay team in a 4x100 meter freestyle relay. Weber, who won a gold medal in the 100 meter freestyle, is shown here with his teammates, Kevin Smith, and Michael Gross, after their victory in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay.



Zealand's sporting life with South Africa. Their walkout posed them as "the simple games" and several intriguing, if hypothetical, questions.

World Vren and Juniors, have completed their doubles in the Olympics when the former of the New Zealand All Blacks, a 1,800-meter relay, was held during the West German grand event. And would the U.S. that the Olympic flame was extinguished in the face of the 27-year-old Australian, who was the only one to have won a medal in the 100 meter freestyle.

In contrast to Munich, the last time he had been in the face of a car crash, he was the only one to have won a medal in the 100 meter freestyle.

Grand prize circuit just six weeks after needing to keep working. A plan to win \$100,000 in prize money, who was 17 points behind Lauda with only three races remaining, eventually won the driver's championship.

Mohammed Ali ended the year with a victory over Joe Frazier, a heavyweight boxing match, it was a triumph for the boxer, who had been in a long fight with the world heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier.

On October 1, Ali's on-again, off-again indecision, but the latest word is that he will fight No. 1 contender George Foreman.

The 34-year-old champion has been in a quandary since securing with a lucky and disputed points win over old rival Ken Norton at the Yankee Stadium on September 28.

Carlos Monzon of Argentina, unbeaten in 31 fights, asked him to boxing immortally when he again became the undisputed world middleweight champion with a clear points win over Colombian Rodrigo Valdes in Monte Carlo in June. The two boxers had been the respective champions of the World Boxing Association, and the outcome settled at least one of the pending boxing disputes.

On the soccer field, the year belonged to West German evergreen Franz Beckenbauer, certain to be voted Europe's footballer of the year.

The 36-year-old defender's career reached new heights when he made his 100th appearance for West Germany in Belgrade during the epic European Championship final, which concluded with Czechoslovakia won on penalties after the two countries finished deadlocked at 2-2.

But Beckenbauer was not only compensated when he directed Bayern Munich to their third successive European Cup victory with a lucky 1-0 victory over R. Milsami in Glasgow.

Europe's other outstanding footballers this year, Dutch World Cup star Rob Rensbrink and dynamic English forward Kevin Keegan, guided their clubs to victory in the other European club competitions. Rensbrink's lethal left foot helped Anderlecht of Belgium collect the European Cup Winners' Cup and Keegan scored in each leg to bring the European Football Union (UEFA) cup back to Liverpool.

Lauda was not the only one to come close to death during the year.

Kevin Smith, the towing Walter and British Lions Rugby Union number 8, suffered a brain injury in a collision late in the season and though he has now recovered, it brought a premature end to an outstanding career.

He bowed out on a triumphant note, however, by leading a talented Welsh side to a stunning grand slam in the five-nations series.

It was a rugby tour that earned the wrath of much of the world when the New Zealand All Blacks ignored African threats and went ahead with their visit to South Africa in June.

The All Blacks were soundly beaten, 3-1, in the series and returned home complaining of referee's and spectators, and no doubt pondering the international repercussions. (Reuters)

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